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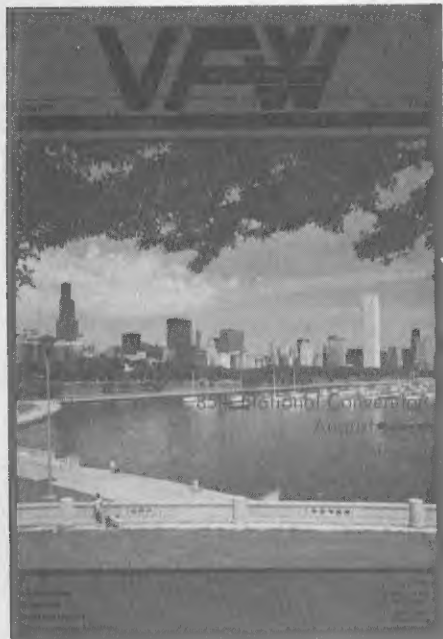
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MAIL CALL

Seeking WW II Vets

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Double-Standard

Half of Fortune Magazine's 500 corporations are headed by veterans, but half of them are on President Reagan's committee to balance the budget. These men are all in the quarter of million to a million-dollar a year bracket and they want to cut down on medical treatment for veterans, close up military post exchanges and eliminate cost of living allowances for federal retirees. The same budget committee recommends pay raises for government executives. How can we have faith in our politicians with this double-dealing going on.—John Ryan, 47-26 46th Street, Woodside, N.Y. 11377.

Graveside

We would like to urge all veterans and their families to write to their Senators and Congressmen that graveside services for a deceased veteran mean services beside the grave and not in the chapel. A member of one of our VFW Posts in Casper was interred recently in the new national cemetery. The entire service, including the folding of the U.S. Flag and presentation to the next of kin, was conducted in its entirety from the chapel.—Lyle Puetman, Commander, Post 10677, Casper, Wyo.

Correction

Cutlines of a picture in VFW in Action (April) showing Gen. William C. Westmoreland autographing a mural bearing his likeness at Post 6166 in Hermitage, Pa., should have read, "Westmoreland dedicated a monument to Mercer County's 40 dead from the Vietnam War" instead of "Hermitages's"

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LEGISLATIVE:

HOUSE PASSES HEALTH, HOUSING, COMP BILLS: Under suspension of the rules, the House of Representatives passed the H.R. 5618, supported in testimony by the VFW. H.R. 5618, the Veterans Health Care and Facilities Improvement Act of 1984, authorizes the VA to establish special units for treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); to fill prescriptions for treatment of a veteran's service-connected disability when the prescription is written by a non-VA physician; reformulates security operations at VA hospitals and permits appointment of VA police officers; expands the State Veterans' Home Grant Program by authorizing acquisition of existing buildings for state homes and requires the VA to annually review per diem rates; extends for one year the VA's authority to provide care in non-VA facilities in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico; and extends indefinitely the VA Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center (GRECC) Program.

Passed also was H.R. 5617, the Veterans Housing Amendments of 1984, to increase from \$32,500 to \$35,000 the specially adapted housing grant for severely disabled service-connected veterans; from \$5,000 to \$6,000 the one-time grant to a special category of service-connected veterans to make necessary adaptations to their homes; the maximum VA loan guaranty for a conventional home from \$27,500 to \$30,000; and the maximum guaranty for a manufactured home from \$20,000 to \$22,000. It requires that new grave markers in national cemeteries be upright except in specific instances where flat markers are requested by either the veteran or his or her survivors.

H.R. 5688, the Veterans Compensation Amendments for the fiscal year 1985, passed by the House, increases compensation, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), additional compensation for dependents and the clothing allowance for certain disabled veterans by 4.3% effective Dec. 1, 1984; adds lupus erythematosus systemic to the list of chronic diseases for which there is a presumption of service-connection; requires the VA Administrator to establish an advisory committee on veterans exposed to ionizing radiation; increases Servicemen's Group Life Insurance from \$35,000 to \$50,000 and the one-time automobile allowance for certain service-connected veterans from \$4,400 to \$5,000, as well as permitting reimbursement for adaptive equipment on a new car if the veteran divests himself of title to an old car so equipped and establishes a five-year pilot program so veterans under 50 who apply for non-service-connected pension after Sept. 30, 1984, can enroll in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program under chapter 31, 38 USC.

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SENATE PASSES HERBICIDE, RADIATION EXPOSURE LEGISLATION: The VFW lobbied strenuously, even launching a grassroots write-in campaign; members of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee negotiated hard. Result: Passage by a 95 to 0 rollcall vote of amended S. 1651, the Veterans' Dioxin and Radiation Exposure Compensation Standards Act.

In passing the bill, the Senate struck the language of House-passed H.R. 1961, the Agent Orange and Atomic Veterans' Relief Act, substituted the wording of S. 1651 and returned it to the House of Representatives. The two versions of H.R. 1961 represent widely different philosophies on issues of herbicide and radiation exposure of great importance to the veterans concerned and their families. Because of this, Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., wrote the chairmen of the Senate and House Veterans' Affairs Committees urging them to redouble their efforts in conference to prevent this legislation from dying because they could not reach a compromise.

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SVAC REPORTS HEALTH CARE BILL: The Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee has reported S. 2514, the Veterans Administration Health Care Amendments of 1984. Early Senate action is anticipated. Its major provisions would amend title 38, U.S. Code, to improve the management of VA medical treatment programs by referring veterans to non-VA facilities and arranging for additional necessary services. Included also are provisions that would revise and clarify the authority for furnishing care for veterans suffering from alcohol or drug dependence: require the VA Administrator to establish the position of Associate Director for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; require the Administrator to submit a report to Congress regarding VA programs for hospice and respite care to certain veterans; and to authorize the VA Administrator to furnish telecaption television decoders to totally deaf veterans in certain cases.

It's Been A Great Year

By Clifford G. Olson, Jr.
VFW Commander-in-Chief



This has been a great year for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and one which I will long remember, for it brought me into closer contact with the most wonderful people in the world — you, my comrades, of our great organization and sisters of our Ladies Auxiliary.

Everywhere my travels took me — whether in the United States or overseas — I was thrilled by the dedication and devotion to the VFW and to the veterans we all serve.

Critics of this country, either the homegrown variety or outside the United States, some time should take the opportunity to meet some of the same people I have this past year and see for themselves just what the real Americans are like — how they work for their communities, how loyal they are to the United States and its ideals and how committed they are to the causes all of us in the VFW espouse.

They will come away with a far different view of this country and its people from the pre-packaged, standard carping that one reads and hears. All too often the litany of American shortcomings appears in the nation's principal journals of opinion and television commentary.

We have been fortunate in the past year to have had as Administrator of Veterans Affairs a man like Harry N. Walters. He has proved in many ways and on many occasions sensitive and responsive to veterans' needs and concerns. As he pointed out so often, he answers to the President, not the Office of Management and Budget.

Frequently one hears criticism of the Department of Defense budget being too high — as if money allotted to defending the country would automatically go into a wide range of social programs. These objections are raised, unhappily, with even greater emphasis at a time when the nation is engaged in critical national elections and when decisions affecting the United

States' security for years to come are being weighed and made.

All of us in the Veterans of Foreign Wars are well aware of where weakness will lead us. Those of us who remember Pearl Harbor fully understand that perceived divisions and irresolution, coupled with military inadequacies, led to a disaster that could have doomed this country. We are convinced, too, that without a strong national defense, all the other material benefits of life in our democratic republic will be nothing. In this world today, there is no prize for second best.

While this may have been a spectacular year for the Veterans of Foreign Wars in all its undertakings, sad notes were sounded. The families of 241 Marines killed in the Beirut airport by a terrorist's bomb received our most heartfelt sympathy, as did the survivors of 18 soldiers killed in the successful rescue operation on Grenada.

The tragic shooting down of Korean Air Lines Flight 7 on Sept. 1 by the Soviet Union with the loss of all aboard demonstrated once again the nature of America's adversary. Shoot first and lie later is its policy, and all Americans must be aware of this.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars scored several victories in Congress this past year. The most notable probably was the passage by the House and Senate of the bill, initiated by the VFW, to aid victims of Agent Orange and radiation exposure. It was sent to a conference committee to reconcile differences between the House and Senate -passed versions. Thanks to VFW demands, too, survivors of military personnel killed in the line of duty will not have to pay taxes on their beloved one's income.

One disappointing aspect of the year was resurrection by another veterans' organization of its old and fallacious claim to sole credit for the World War II GI Bill. The VFW supported passage of this legislation and

Past Commander-in-Chief Bernard W. Kearney, then a member of the House, co-authored the bill and actually made it possible for a colleague to get to Washington in time to vote for it.

Since this allegation by this veterans' organization had not cropped up since 1969, it was assumed that after the VFW had exploded it so often that it died. Not so, apparently.

To underscore its charge, the other organization reprinted a letter to Congress signed by representatives of the three other veterans' organizations and the VFW alleging this demonstrated opposition. The letter actually was an appeal for a different method of granting these and more benefits in order that all World War II veterans would receive something of tangible value — not just those who were able to take advantage of the bill's special benefits. In fact, most of the benefits contained in the original GI Bill of Rights already had been introduced in separate pieces of legislation and some were starting to move through Congress.

When the bill was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Commander-in-Chief Carl J. Schoeninger and Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Wolman, who chaired the VFW's Legislative Committee, were accorded places of honor at the ceremonies.

It seems to me all veterans' organizations should look to the future instead of looking back into the past to claim credit, unearned at that, for doing what they were mandated to do.

You may be sure the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will not stop working for legislation that will benefit all veterans, their dependents and their survivors.

That was why it was established 85 years ago and today is the oldest major veterans' organization in the United States.

Thanks to all of you for the privilege of serving you and this great organization.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL BY-LAWS

The following proposed amendments are published in accordance with article XIII
of the By-Laws for consideration by the 85th National Convention

B-1

Proposed by Departments of Arizona, Arkansas, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin
SECTION 216—OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 216, National By-Laws, by deleting subparagraph (c) in its entirety.

B-2

Proposed by Departments of Arizona, Arkansas, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin
SECTION 316—COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 316, National By-Laws, by deleting the last paragraph in its entirety.

B-3

Proposed by Departments of Arizona, Arkansas, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin
SECTION 414—DISTRICT OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 414, National By-Laws, by deleting subparagraph (c) in its entirety.

B-4

Proposed by Departments of Arkansas, Minnesota, New Jersey, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin
SECTION 515—DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 515, National By-Laws, by deleting subparagraph (c) in its entirety.

B-5

Proposed by Departments of Arkansas, Minnesota, New Jersey, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin
SECTION 608—OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 608 National By-Laws, by deleting subparagraph (c) in its entirety.

B-6

Proposed by Departments of Alaska, Minnesota, Virginia and Wisconsin
SECTION 515—DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 515, National By-Laws, by deleting subparagraph (c) in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following as subparagraph (c):

"Department Officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility for the files of the Department Adjutant within thirty (30) days from date of election or appointment."

B-7

Proposed by Departments of Alaska, Minnesota, Virginia and Wisconsin
SECTION 608—OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 608, National By-Laws, by deleting subparagraph (c) in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following as subparagraph (c):

"National Officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility for the files of the Adjutant General within thirty (30) days from date of election or appointment."

B-8

Proposed by Departments of Alaska, Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, Virginia, Wisconsin
SECTION 216—OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 216, National By-Laws, by deleting the second sentence of subparagraph (c) and substituting in lieu thereof the following sentence:

"Such proof of eligibility records shall be open to the Post Commander, Post Adjutant and Post Quartermaster."

B-9

Proposed by Departments of Alaska, Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, Virginia and Wisconsin
SECTION 316—COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 316, National By-Laws, by deleting the second sentence of the last paragraph and substituting in lieu thereof the following sentence:

"Such proof of eligibility records shall be open to the County Council Commander, County Council Adjutant and County Council Quartermaster."

B-10

Proposed by Departments of Alaska, Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, Virginia and Wisconsin
SECTION 414—DISTRICT OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 414, National By-Laws, by deleting the second sentence of subparagraph (c) and substituting in lieu thereof the following sentence:

"Such proof of eligibility records shall be open to the District Commander, District Adjutant and District Quartermaster."

B-11

Proposed by Departments of Alaska, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Virginia and Wisconsin
SECTION 515—DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 515, National By-Laws, by deleting the second sentence of subparagraph (c) and substituting in lieu thereof the following sentence:

"Such proof of eligibility shall be open to the Department Commander, the Department Adjutant and the Department Quartermaster."

B-12

Proposed by Departments of Alaska, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Virginia and Wisconsin
SECTION 608—OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 608, National By-Laws, by deleting the second sentence of subparagraph (c) and substituting in lieu thereof the following sentence:

"Such proof of eligibility shall be open to the Commander-in-Chief, the Adjutant General and the Quartermaster General."

B-13

Proposed by Department of West Virginia
SECTION 216—OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 216, National By-Laws, by deleting subparagraph (c) and substituting in lieu thereof the following as subparagraph (c):

"Post Officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility for the files of the Post Adjutant within thirty (30) days from date of election or appointment. Such proof of eligibility records shall be open to the Post Commander, Post Adjutant and Post Quartermaster."

B-14

Proposed by Department of West Virginia
SECTION 414—DISTRICT OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 414, National By-Laws, by deleting subparagraph (c) and substituting in lieu thereof the following as subparagraph (c):

"District Officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility for the files of the District Adjutant within thirty (30) days from date of election or appointment. Such proof of eligibility records shall be open to the District Commander, District Adjutant and District Quartermaster."

B-15

Proposed by Departments of Iowa and West Virginia

SECTION 515—DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 515, National By-Laws, by deleting subparagraph (c) and substituting in lieu thereof the following as subparagraph (c):

"Department Officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility for the files of the Department Adjutant within thirty (30) days from date of election or appointment. Such proof of eligibility records shall be open to the Department Commander, Department Adjutant and Department Quartermaster."

B-16

Proposed by Departments of Iowa and West Virginia

SECTION 608—OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 608, National By-Laws, by deleting subparagraph (c) and substituting in lieu thereof the following as subparagraph (c):

"National Officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility for the files of the Adjutant General within thirty (30) days from date of election or appointment. Such proof of eligibility records shall be open to the Commander-in-Chief, Adjutant General and Quartermaster General."

B-17

Proposed by Department of South Dakota

SECTION 222—DELEGATES, COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Amend Section 222, subsection (d), of the National By-Laws, by deleting in its entirety the second paragraph of subsection (d) which reads as follows:

"Each Post shall register, in advance, at least one delegate to the National Convention by the payment of a fee in the amount of Six Dollars (\$6.00), which fee shall entitle the Post to a packet of Convention information and materials. Posts failing to comply with this provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears."

B-18

Proposed by Department of Montana

SECTION 101—ELIGIBILITY

Amend Section 101, National By-Laws, by deleting the first two paragraphs, therein and substituting the following in lieu thereof:

"Anyone who has served honorably as an officer or enlisted person, on active duty, honorably discharged, released to inactive duty or retired, shall be eligible for membership, (1) whose service in the Armed Forces of the United States in any foreign war, insurrection or expedition is recognized as campaign medal service and governed by the authorization of the issuance of a campaign badge (medal) by the Government of the United States of America; or (2) who is a person whether an officer or enlisted man or woman who served honorably overseas in the Armed Forces of the United States and whose unit, group, ship or squadron was subjected to hostile acts by military personnel of another nation or a terrorist group with or without a country origin; and (3) who is a citizen of the United States, subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth.

WHEN WAR EXISTS - Whenever the Government of the United States of America recognizes that a state of war exists with any other government or governments, persons in the Armed Forces of the United States shall become eligible to membership immediately upon arrival on hostile soil or in hostile waters; and (2) whenever

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members of the Armed Forces of the United States, namely those serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps, are involved in a hostile action outside the limits of the United States with military personnel of another country or by a terrorist group with or without a country origin, then the Commander-in-Chief may present the names of that group of men and women to the next encampment with a statement of their actions and ask the delegates for a vote on their eligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Upon passage of the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief by the delegates in attendance, those persons in those groups shall be eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars."

B-19

Proposed by the Department of Illinois

SECTION 211—SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF CHARTER

Amend Section 211, National By-Laws, by adding the following thereto as subparagraph (d): "During the period of suspension if the Trusteeship shall determine that the Post suspension shall not be lifted until all the elected Post Officers are declared vacant and new Post Officers duly elected and installed, the Trusteeship shall make such recommendation to the Department Commander. If such recommendation is approved by the Department Commander such approval shall be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief for final decision. The suspended Post or any of its elected officers may appeal directly to the Commander-in-Chief and the Commander-in-Chief may, in his discretion, declare all elective offices of the Post vacant and order a new election and installation of Post Officers of the suspended Post or disapprove the recommendation of the Department Commander."

Mississippi also proposed By-Law Amendments B-8, B-9, B-10, B-11 and B-12.

B-20

Proposed by the Department of Idaho

SECTION 521—COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—COMPOSITION, POWERS AND DUTIES

Amend Section 521, National By-Laws, subparagraph (a) by adding the following sentence thereto:

"Also the four (4) immediate Past Department Commanders may be voting members of the Council of Administration, on the condition that the By-Laws adopted by the Department Convention so provide."

B-21

Proposed by the Department of Michigan

SECTION 521—COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—COMPOSITION, POWERS AND DUTIES

Amend Section 521, National By-Laws, subparagraph (a) by inserting after the sentence: "The retiring Commander shall also be a member of the Department Council of Administration until such time as another Department Commander retires"; the following sentence:

"In the event the retiring Department Commander is unwilling or unable to serve on the Department Council of Administration, his place shall be filled by the last retired Past Department Commander who is ready, willing and able to serve."

B-22

Proposed by the Department of Michigan

SECTION 618—NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—COMPOSITION, POWERS AND DUTIES

Amend Section 618, National By-Laws, subparagraph (a) by inserting the following sentence at the end of the second paragraph thereof:

"In the event the retiring Commander-in-Chief is unwilling or unable to serve on the National Council of Administration, his place shall be filled by the last retired Past Commander-in-Chief who is ready, willing and able to serve."

B-23

Proposed by Department of Arizona

SECTION 515—DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Amend Section 515, National By-Laws, by deleting the second sentence of subparagraph (c) and substituting in lieu thereof the following sentence:

"Such proof of eligibility records shall be open to the Department Council of Administration members only."

B-24

Proposed by Department of Ohio

SECTION 203—STATED MEETINGS

Amend Section 203, National By-Laws, by the addition of the following sentence thereto:

"All Posts which have not reached their first anniversary shall meet at least twice each month."

B-25

Proposed by Department of Oregon

SECTION 1102—ELIGIBILITY

Amend Section 1102, National By-Laws, by the addition of the following sentence after the last sentence of paragraph 1 thereof:

"The only exception to the above criteria is that all legal wives of VFW members are eligible for membership regardless of citizenship."

AMENDMENTS NOT IN PROPER FORM

Proposed amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws and Manual of Procedure which were not submitted in proper form, which conflict with other sections of the By-Laws or which, for other reasons, are not proper for consideration at the National Convention.

The following are in that category:

Florida	Preamble to Constitution
New York	Absentee Ballots

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MANUAL OF PROCEDURE

The following proposed amendments are published for consideration
by the 85th National Convention

M-1

Proposed by the Departments of Arkansas, Idaho, Connecticut, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island South Dakota, and Wisconsin

SECTION 101—ELIGIBILITY

Amend Section 101, Manual of Procedure, by the addition at the end of the section of a new eligibility category as follows:

"National Defense Service Medal (30 consecutive days or 60 days not consecutive duty outside the continental limits of the United States) Referring to the National Defense Service Medal, military regulations require honorable active service as a member of the Armed Forces for any period after 26 June 1950 and before 28 July 1954 or after 31 December 1960 and before 15 August 1974 to establish entitlement. For the purposes of this award, the following persons shall not be considered as performing active service: Guard and Reserve forces personnel on short tours of active duty to fulfill training obligations under an inactive duty training program. Any person on temporary active duty to serve on boards, courts, commissions and like organizations. Any person on active duty for the sole purpose of undergoing a physical examination. Any person on active duty for purposes other than for extended active duty."	27 June 1950	27 July 1954	1 Jan. 1961	15 Aug. 1974
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M-2

Proposed by Department of New York

SECTION 318—DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS

Amend Section 318, Manual of Procedure, by the addition at the end of the first paragraph entitled "Duty of County Commander" the following sentence:

"He or his representative shall attend all regularly called District meetings and District Conventions."

M-3

Proposed by Department of Oklahoma

SECTION 803—UNIFORMS, BADGES AND INSIGNIA

Amend Section 803, Manual of Procedure, by inserting the following at the end of the second sentence of the third paragraph thereof entitled CAP:

"Also a grey-green beret may be worn as official headgear using the currently specified coloring of fig-leaf braid outlining the Cross of Malta emblem to designate Post, County, Council, District, Department, and National Officers."

M-4

Proposed by Department of Minnesota

SECTION 101—ELIGIBILITY

Amend Section 101, Manual of Procedure, by the addition at the end of the section of a new eligibility category as follows:

"Overseas service with United States Armed Forces assigned or attached to units serving with NATO, SEATO or OAS forces (30 consecutive days or 60 days not consecutive duty outside the continental limits of the United States)	3 March 1946	to	Date to be announced by the U.S. Government
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Proposed by Department of Minnesota

SECTION 101—ELIGIBILITY

Amend Section 101, Manual of Procedure, by deleting "date to be announced by the U.S. Government" under

Army of Occupation (30 consecutive days)	
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and substituting the following words in lieu thereof: "5 May 1955."

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85th National Convention

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - AUGUST 17-24, 1984

A non-denominational chapel will be available daily in Private Dining Room 10, Conrad Hilton Hotel (CH)
First aid headquarters will be in Private Dining Room 8, Conrad Hilton Hotel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00a.m.—Registration—VFW Continental Room, CH
12:00Noon—Registration—Ladies Auxiliary Palmer House
1:00p.m.—National Service Officers Conference Williford Room,
A & B, CH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00a.m.—Registration—VFW Continental Room, CH
9:00a.m.—Registration—Ladies Auxiliary Palmer House
9:00a.m.—National Service Officers Conference Williford Room
A & B, CH
10:00a.m.—Ladies Auxiliary
Council of Administration Palmer House
1:00p.m.—National Ritual Contest Grand Ballroom, CH
2:00p.m.—VFW Council of Administration Waldorf Room, CH
4:30p.m.—Parade Meeting (Parade Committee and
Department Commanders) Astoria Room, CH
5:30p.m.—Catholic Mass Waldorf Room, CH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00a.m.—Church Service—Catholic Williford Room
A & B, CH
8:00a.m.—Church Service—Protestant Williford Room
C, CH
8:30a.m.—Registration—Ladies Auxiliary Palmer House
9:00a.m.—Registration—VFW Continental Room, CH
9:30a.m.—Annual Memorial Service U I C Pavilion
(Buses will leave from designated hotel locations
to the Pavilion and return after the Service - No charge)
12:00Noon—Awards Luncheon International Ballroom, CH
2:30p.m.—Veterans Service Committee Williford Room, C, CH
2:30p.m.—Committee Rules Continental Room, CH
3:00p.m.—Ladies Auxiliary Opening Ceremony Palmer House
8:00p.m.—Western Conference Caucus International Ballroom
(So.) CH
9:00p.m.—Eastern Conference Caucus Williford Room, CH
9:00p.m.—Southern Conference Caucus Grand Ballroom, CH
9:00p.m.—Big Ten Conference Caucus International Ballroom
(No.) CH

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00a.m.—Registration—Ladies Auxiliary Palmer House
9:00a.m.—Registration—VFW Continental Room, CH
9:00a.m.—Joint Opening Session U I C Pavilion
Presiding - Patrick Harrell, Chairman of the Board
VFW 85th National Convention
Introductions - Ray R. Soden, Past Commander-in-Chief and
Chairman, Distinguished Guests Committee
Greetings - Mayor Harold Washington
Greetings - Governor James R. Thompson
Introduction - Robert Graber, Supreme Commander, MOC
Introduction - Harriet Timmons, President,
Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW
Presentation of Flags by Ladies Auxiliary
to Governor and Mayor
Introduction - Clifford G. Olson, Jr.,
Commander-in-Chief, VFW
Principal Address

2:00p.m.—Meetings:

Americanism, Community Activities,
Loyalty, Safety & Youth Activities Williford Room
Par. B, CH
By-Laws, Rules and Procedure
and Ritual Astoria Room, CH
Finance and Internal Organization Williford Room
Par. A, CH
General Resolutions Private Dining Room 2, CH
National Security & Foreign Affairs Waldorf Room, CH
Veterans Service Williford Room, Par. C, CH
VFW Political Action Committee Room to be announced
6:00p.m.—Reception for Distinguished Guests
(By invitation only) Normandie Lounge, CH
6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.—General Reception Grand Ballroom, CH
7:00p.m.—Distinguished Guests Banquet International
Ballroom, CH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00a.m.—Registration—Ladies Auxiliary Palmer House
8:30p.m.—Ladies Auxiliary Business Session Palmer House
9:00p.m.—Registration—VFW Continental Room, CH
9:00a.m.—VFW Business Session International Ballroom, CH
2:00p.m.—Post Extension Meeting Astoria Room, CH
2:00p.m.—V A V S Conference Waldorf Room, CH
6:30p.m.—Annual Military Parade

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

7:30a.m.—All American Commanders Breakfast Williford Room, CH
8:00a.m.—Registration—Ladies Auxiliary Palmer House
8:30a.m.—Ladies Auxiliary Business Session Palmer House
9:00a.m.—Registration—VFW Continental Room, CH
9:00a.m.—VFW Business Session International Ballroom, CH
2:00p.m.—Department Commanders and National
Officers' Conference Williford Room, CH
7:00p.m.—March of Champion (VFW Nationals) Soldier Field

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

8:30a.m.—Registration—Ladies Auxiliary Palmer House
8:30a.m.—Ladies Auxiliary Business Session Palmer House
9:00a.m.—Registration—VFW Continental Room, CH
9:00a.m.—VFW Business Session International Ballroom, CH
2:00p.m.—VFW Programs Waldorf Room, CH
2:00p.m.—National Home Meetings Private Dining Room 2, CH
7:00p.m.—Dixie Banquet Grand Ballroom, Palmer House
7:00p.m.—Eastern Banquet Grand Ballroom, CH
7:00p.m.—Western Banquet Picasso Ballroom, McCormick Center
7:00p.m.—Big Ten Banquet International Ballroom, CH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

(Probable changes to be announced)

8:30a.m.—Ladies Auxiliary Business Session Palmer House
9:00a.m.—Registration—VFW Continental Room, CH
9:00a.m.—VFW Election and Installation
of Officers International Ballroom, CH
2:00p.m.—VFW Council of Administration Waldorf Room, CH
8:30p.m.—National Commander-in-Chief's and National Auxiliary
President's Reception and Ball International Ballroom, CH

Let's Go To Chicago

Time is running out but you can still register early for the 85th National Convention in Chicago from Aug. 17 to 24 by sending in advance registration coupon accompanying this article and save \$2 on the regular \$8 fee.

The 85th National Convention will be the fifth the VFW has held in Chicago since the end of World War II, a tribute to the city's facilities and the esteem in which Chicagoans hold the VFW.

At the 1980 National Convention in Chicago, Ronald Reagan, fresh from winning the Republican presidential nomination, addressed the VFW, referring to the Vietnam War as "a noble cause" and pledging that his Administration would work vigorously for an accounting of Americans missing in Southeast Asia and the release of any Americans held prisoner in that region.

With the observance this year of the Truman Centennial, the 100th anniversary of the birth of former President Harry S. Truman, a World War I veteran and VFW member, the 1944 National Convention in Chicago is sure to stir memories of many VFW oldtimers.

Then the Democratic vice presidential nominee who succeeded President Franklin D. Roosevelt eight months later, Truman who had been a senator from Missouri, outlined the provisions of the GI Bill.

This legislation was passed and signed into law with VFW support only a little more than two months earlier and contained provisions which the VFW had advocated since the organization's beginning in 1899.

Indeed, a member of the House of Representatives and Past Commander-in-Chief, Bernard W. Kearney, co-authored the bill and played a decisive part in obtaining its passage.

Truman told the delegates "that bill intends to give returning soldiers an opportunity to get into the civilian set-up of the country on a basis where we will not face appleselling and things of that sort, as we did after the First World War."

Prophetically, he concluded that the veterans of World War II "are going to try to see that this production machine of ours can be made to work for the welfare of the world instead of for its destruction, because civilization cannot go through another conflict such as the one through which we are going now. There will be none of us left."

Highlights of the 85th National Convention will be the annual Memorial Service, the Joint Opening Session, the Military Parade, the March of Champions, formerly called the Million Dollar Pageant of Drums and the Pageant of Youth in Music and the election of National Officers on Aug. 24, concluding the National Convention.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Billy Ray Cameron, a Vietnam veteran of Sanford, N.C., is expected to succeed Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., and Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief John Staum, of Minneapolis, to move into the office now held by Cameron. Under the VFW's rotational system, it is the West's turn to present a candidate for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. With several prospects, this contest has generated much interest.

During the business sessions, delegates will study and then adopt or reject a large number of resolutions relating to veterans' issues and national security.

A high point of the Convention, as always, is the presentation of awards to major figures in defense, sports, entertainment, space exploration and other aspects of the nation's life.

The VFW's highest award, named for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, is to be presented to Secretary of State George Shultz.

Among the others to be honored this year are the McLaughlin Group, the News Media Award; John J. Norton, the chief of the California Highway Patrol, the J. Edgar Hoover Award; Bud Grant, retired coach of the Minnesota Vikings, the Hall of Fame Award; Lee Iacocca, president of the Chrysler Corp., the Citizenship Award; Gen. P.X. Kelley, Marine Corps commandant, the Armed Forces Award; Marine Cpl. Jeffrey Nashton, the Americanism Award; and members of the crew of Space Shuttle Flights 9 and 10, the Space Award.

Register in Advance for the 1984 Convention

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OFFICIAL CALL

85th National Convention



Veterans Of Foreign Wars Of The United States

This 85th annual National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be held at a critical time in the history of our country and, indeed, the world.

The United States is faced with challenges to its security and that of its allies throughout the world by the Soviet Union and its Communist bloc satellites and surrogates. This is evident in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and especially in Central America, so close to our own borders, where the forces of freedom are in deadly peril. In the face of these dark threats, the VFW is committed to a strong American defense and opposi-

tion to those who would weaken the nation.

Under attack from a wide range of hostile elements are veterans' hard-won rights and entitlements provided them by a grateful American people through their elected representatives in Congress.

These assaults come in a variety of guises, but as is usually the case the most common mask is that of economy. The VFW has succeeded in beating back these offensives in the past because of its unity and strength of membership. To achieve victory in future battles, even greater unity and an even higher membership will be

required.

In slightly more than two months after the 85th National Convention, the 1984 national elections will be held. In order to preserve the gains veterans have made, it is essential that only candidates pledged to safeguard and strengthen the nation's defenses and the gains veterans have made over the years — expanding them where necessary — be sent to Washington.

Yours in comradeship,

Clifford G. Olson, Jr.
Commander-in-Chief, VFW

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Dems, GOP Get VFW Platform Views



Cooper T. Holt, Executive Director of the VFW Washington Office recently presented the Democratic and Republican platform committees with the veterans' organization's suggested planks on veterans' issues and national security. Here are texts of both.

Veterans' Benefits

WE PLEDGE not only to maintain the Veterans Administration as an independent agency primarily charged with the care and well-being of veterans; but, also, to elevate the Administrator of Veterans Affairs to cabinet level.

WE PLEDGE that no national health insurance plan will be approved which would, or could, invade the VA hospital and medical care system.

WE PLEDGE that no reorganization plan will be submitted which would abolish in whole, or in part, any of the functions of the VA and its programs, or transfer any function or program to any other agency.

WE PLEDGE that a realistic budget for the VA will be proposed to maintain the integrity of the VA hospital and medical care system and the entitlement and benefit programs.

WE PLEDGE that no honorably discharged veteran who served in our Armed Forces during a period of war or hostility in need and seeking medical care will be denied that care by the VA.

WE PLEDGE that we will actively support legislation to resolve the problems of World War II veterans exposed to ionizing radiation and Vietnam veterans suffering from herbicide exposure.

WE PLEDGE that we will reject any proposal to eliminate or reduce compensation payments to veterans with service connected disabilities or additional allowances paid for their dependents.

WE PLEDGE that we will pursue improvement in the Veterans Administration's pension program for veterans in need due to their nonservice connected disabilities.

WE PLEDGE that we will give serious consideration to granting a special pension to World War I veterans and their widows.

WE PLEDGE that we will uphold and support veterans' preference in Federal employment.

WE PLEDGE that we will actively oppose any proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution which does not specifically exclude veterans' preference, veterans' entitlements and benefits, and women from combat wherein they would be required to seek out, close with, and destroy an enemy.

WE PLEDGE that we will propose an adequate budget for the Department of Labor to permit the Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment, and Training to meet properly the needs of unemployed veterans, particularly disabled and Vietnam veterans.

WE PLEDGE that we will reject the Grace Commission's proposal to alter the way in which the VA disposes of repossessed homes when veterans default on insured loans.

WE PLEDGE to expand the VA National Cemetery system more rapidly so that a veteran will be provided a final resting place in a national cemetery in his or her own state reasonably near his or her survivors.

National Security

WE PLEDGE that we will attempt to maintain for the long term a figure of a least 8 % of the Gross National Product for defense requirements.

WE PLEDGE to continue strategic defense and other high technology research and development programs.

WE PLEDGE to continue the modernization of our strategic forces, continuing the production of the MX missile, B-1B bomber and Trident submarine.

WE PLEDGE to continue the modernization of our conventional forces, supporting the recommendations made by the Joint Chiefs of Staff that would expand our Army and Air Force.

WE PLEDGE to support the men and women of our Armed Forces by providing them adequate compensation and preserving their commissary, medical and retirement programs.

WE PLEDGE to adopt and maintain a foreign policy that will improve the political unity and military capability of the NATO alliance.

WE PLEDGE that we will attempt to resolve the issue of prisoners of war and missing in Southeast Asia by bringing maximum economic pressure on the countries involved until the issue is resolved.

WE PLEDGE to reestablish formal ties with our oldest Asian ally, the free Republic of China on Taiwan.

WE PLEDGE to provide the necessary aid for the Republic of Korea to maintain and safeguard her freedom.

WE PLEDGE to combat the spread of Communist subversion, terrorism and influence in this hemisphere.

WE PLEDGE to support and assist the freedom-loving people in all Communist-controlled nations in their struggle for freedom.

Guam — 40 Years Later

By Joseph C. Murphy

It is quiet now, 40 years after. The white sand beaches are still there. The coconut trees, once ripped and torn, fly gently in the tropical breeze.

And today the glorious American Flag, the Stars and Stripes, also flutters above the Guam beaches of Asan and Agat.

There is something else on the beach, once bloodied by U.S. Marines. It's a tour bus. Out of the bus step 55 young Japanese honeymooners, complete with cameras and snorkeling gear. Guam, for those who haven't heard, has turned into the Bermuda of the Pacific, the Tahiti of the North Pacific.

Daily jumbo jets fly in from Tokyo, a bare three hours away, bringing in thousands of Japanese tourists, who think of Guam as their place in the sun.

The Japanese presence is large on Guam, despite the fact that it remains a U.S. territory. Sitting beside the Guam Hilton, on luscious Tumon Beach, are Japanese hotels like the Dai-Ichi, the Japan Plaza, the Fujita and the Okura.

Guam today is nothing like the Guam veterans of World War II remember. Frankly, it had a terrible reputation during the last stages of the war, mainly because the battle, one of the ugliest in the Pacific, had leveled the capital city of Agana and wiped out all the island's buildings and most of its vegetation. Hundreds of thousands of American troops and hundreds of ships came to Guam during that last year before the fall of Japan.

It became Tent City, and then Quonset Hut City. The mosquitos were fierce, and the rain came down in buckets, triggering what the GI's called "the island crud." It was a hell of a place to be stationed while awaiting orders to push on to Japan.

Guam is different today. It is a typical (in some ways) American commu-

nity, with solid schools, big churches, high rise apartments, offices and hotels. It has cable TV, with 14 channels of American TV programming. It has the largest McDonald's in the world, along with Pizza Hut, Shakey's, Denny's and drive-in banks.

Veterans will have a chance to return to Guam this year. The government of Guam hosted a massive 40th anniversary party on July 21, which is the big Liberation Day celebration on Guam. It featured parades, carnivals, fiestas and military plane fly-overs.



Dr. J. Henry Hoffmann

Gov. Ricardo J. Bordallo issued an invitation to all veterans, American and Japanese, to return to the scene of the battle.

This gorgeous tropical island, now with a population of 110,000, has more than 60,000 vehicles today. There is an expression which says: "If we ever have to evacuate Guam, nobody will have to ride in the back seat."

It is really a majestic place, despite what the U.S. military men thought about it during those rough days of 1944 and 1945. The beaches are great. The air is breath clean. The water, perfect for diving and snorkeling, or boat-

ing, is like azure. The weather is tropical, which means warm, but it is usually tempered with a breeze blowing off the Pacific. It has its jungles, its waterfalls, its caves and its charming old native villages.

Guam also has its history. And nothing was quite so dramatic as those few days in July, 1944.

The island was "discovered" by Ferdinand Magellan on his round-the-world voyage of discovery in 1519. He found here a race of brown skinned Chamorros, who had really discovered the island a thousand years before. These Chamorros used high speed sailing canoes called proas and had an intricate civilization of their own. Later the Spanish missionaries came on the Spanish galleons. Guam had a college in the early 1600s.

The U.S. took Guam away from the Spanish in the Spanish-American war of 1898, along with the Philippines and Puerto Rico. It stayed as a backwater territory for the next 40 years. The U.S. Congress, unworried about Japanese aggression, refused to fortify Guam.

Then, while the Japanese fleet bombers were blasting Pearl Harbor in 1941, other Japanese planes were hitting Guam. A couple of days later an invasion fleet appeared, and 6,000 Japanese landed on Tumon. The few hundred American defenders could offer only token resistance.

During the two and one half years of Japanese occupation the intensely patriotic Guamanians were beaten, beheaded and forced to work on the airfields and other fortifications the Japanese were building. American Flags were hidden. An American sailor survived the whole occupation in a cave, fed by the Guamanians, and songs were written about "Uncle Sam, Please Come Back to Guam."

Then, on June 6, the same day American, British and Canadian troops began the invasion of France at Normandy, the Marianas invasion forces steamed west from the Marshall

Islands. Included were more than 127,000 troops, carried on 535 ships, more vessels than are in the whole of today's Navy. On June 15 they struck Saipan. It was close to being a disaster. Of every nine Marines who stepped off a landing craft in the Marianas, two were killed or wounded. On Saipan alone, 3,273 American Marines, sailors or soldiers were killed and nearly 11,000 wounded.

The dive bombers and fighter-bombers began to hit Guam by the middle of June. Then, with Saipan nearly secured, the ships moved 160 miles south towards Guam. On July 8, the heaviest aerial and naval bombardment of the Pacific war began. For 13 straight days, 40 major ships stood off-shore pounding the planned invasion beaches and fortifications. Included in this barrage were six battleships, 32 destroyers and eight cruisers, along with carriers and several hundred aircraft.

Early in the morning of July 21 the invasion of Guam began with more than 54,800 troops engaged in two assaults, the northern assault on Asan beach, and the southern attack on Agat beach, surrounding Apra Harbor.

The fighting was fierce, complete with banzai attacks, and hand to hand combat. It was a brutal battle, with the Japanese having the advantage of the high hills and caves overlooking the exposed landing beaches.

But by Aug. 10 most of the organized resistance had been eliminated. U.S. forces suffered just over 7,000 casualties, and the Japanese lost 17,250, with only 1,250 prisoners taken. A few hundred managed to escape into the jungle, where they were picked off over the next months and years. In fact one man, Shochi Yokoi, was finally grabbed by two Guamanian hunters in 1972, after spending nearly 29 years in the jungle. He was

the last of the Emperor's soldiers.

The Japanese had rounded up all the Guamanians, then numbering about 29,000, and herded them into concentration camps in the interior of the island. They all genuinely believed that they were going to be killed.

There was no more dramatic moment in the Pacific war than when that first Marine patrol came across the Guamanians huddled in their jungle camp. Suddenly there was complete, eerie silence. Then out came those long hidden American Flags. They were waved wildly, amid warm, wild shouts of gratitude. Battle-hardened Marines broke down and wept openly at the sight. Uncle Sam had come back to Guam.

Four years ago Congress authorized a War in the Pacific National Historical Park at the site of the invasion beaches on Guam. This national park is designed to commemorate the bravery and sacrifice of those participating in the Pacific Theater of World War II and to conserve and interpret outstanding natural, scenic and historic values on Guam for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. Thus far, some of the land for the park has been acquired and plans formulated for the park, but limited funding has prevented much actual construction.

The park is equally dedicated to memorializing Americans, Japanese and the islanders upon whose homelands these battles raged. The park is administered by the U.S. National Park Service.

Among the many concerns facing development is the restoration of park areas to the way they looked just prior to the combat and the heavy shelling. This requires, in part, that the types of trees present in early 1944 be replanted in the park areas. These trees were primarily coconuts, with some

mixtures of other shoreline trees.

The American Cancer Society on Guam, under the leadership of Dr. J. Henry Hoffmann, developed the concept of sponsoring the planting of coconut and other tree varieties as a way of enhancing the park, providing a means of memorializing the war effort and raising funds for the ongoing war against cancer. The Society is seeking worldwide participation with special efforts to involve all persons who were directly involved. The primary goals of this project are to establish living memorials to the war participants and to contribute to the living research service, rehabilitation and education commitments of the American Cancer Society. (See "Plam Trees for Guam Memorial Aid Cancer Study," March.)

Dr. Hoffmann, a dentist and writer, has appeared in Washington and other areas to explain the project. Vern Harper, commander of Guam's VFW Post 1509 could also be contacted.

Guam, of course, is still vital to the U.S. military and to U.S. interests in the Pacific. It is the home of Andersen AFB and its SAC bombers. The U.S. Navy still has large facilities here, including a communications station, a submarine tender, a ship repair facility, a Naval air station and a large supply depot.

This island, 40 years after, is seeking another political option, commonwealth status, but still under the United States Flag.

Joseph C. Murphy is editor of the Pacific Daily News/Sunday News, published in Agana, Guam's capital.

The War in the Pacific National Historical Park at Asan is planned to restore the beach area to the same condition it was in before Americans landed in July, 1944, to retake it from the Japanese. A major project is the planting of coconut palm trees.





When GIs Marched in Paris

By Jim Condon

"Whoever gave an order like that?" I asked my company commander.

At dawn on Aug. 29, 1944, we awoke in the Bois de Boulogne, a sprawling park in western Paris. This day the entire battle-weary 28th Infantry Division assembled to march through Paris in a parade.

To me, a parade seemed risky. The Germans had evacuated the French capital only four days before and then air-bombed it, killing over 200 civilians. Even now the German 7th Army was setting up for a major battle just beyond the northeast border of the city. In a parade, we would march in close formation, offering the enemy a gigantic, concentrated target.

At the time, I was second in command of E Co., 112th Infantry and felt personally responsible for the security of the men. How often since our commitment to combat in Normandy had I yelled, "Don't bunch up!" Keeping well spread out under enemy fire had always meant fewer losses. But today, with the enemy still so close by, all elements of our division would mass together in a vulnerable formation. Who ordered the parade?

My CO's answer to me was brief: "General Eisenhower."

As I learned much later, the supreme commander ordered the parade to solve military as well as political problems. Gen. Charles de Gaulle had asked to borrow two U.S. divisions as a show of force in Paris and to establish

On its way to fight the Germans on the other side of Paris, the 28th Division marched through the city on Aug. 29, 1944, in a giant victory parade. A 28th Division veteran recalls that August day 40 years ago.

American support of him as leader of the French people.

Eisenhower decided he could not afford to detach two divisions from his campaign. Instead, he offered to march an infantry division through Paris to the front, now northeast of the city. It would pass in formal review before de Gaulle and others. (The reviewing stand an upside-down Bailey bridge.) Eisenhower afterwards wrote, "I felt this show of force and de Gaulle's presence on the reviewing stand would accomplish all that he sought."

Now, the division's 56-piece band sounded off and, in full battle dress, the 28th marched down the Champs Elysees.

Leading in jeeps were the division commander, Maj. Gen. Norman D. Cota, and the general staff. After the M-8s of the 28th Recon Troop came the 112th Infantry Regiment, together with the 110th, marching in massed battalions. 24 men abreast.

Attached tank destroyer, anti-aircraft, field artillery, chemical, engineer and medical units followed in their vehicles. The 109th Regiment was behind. Division artillery units were next, guns massed at the head, vehicles in a column of four.

The Parisians reacted ecstatically. Crowds lined the boulevards. Beautiful black-haired young women on bicycles rode our flanks. Thousands of citizens cried out, "Vive les Americains!" We hadn't received such a tremendous boost in morale since...when?

Farther along the route, a group of school children yelled, "Boche kaput!" The words made me feel for a moment that the war had ended, with us as the victors. But as we approached the Arc de Triomphe, I snapped back to reality again. Our ranks split down the middle as we marched around the symbol of victory, not through it. Celebration of success in August, 1944, would have been most premature. Ahead lay Belgium, Luxembourg, the Hurtgen Forest, the Siegfried Line, the Ardennes.

Nevertheless, we glowed as Parisians cheered and waved homemade American Flags. They were crudely fashioned, with the wrong number of stars and stripes. Yet who among us could feel anything but extreme pride?



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Soon we received an official welcome. As we passed the reviewing stand, I peeked out the corner of my eye, and there he stood, Gen. de Gaulle himself. He towered almost a foot over our own Generals Bradley and Hodges, not counting his tall pillbox-type French military cap. De Gaulle touched his cap in salute.

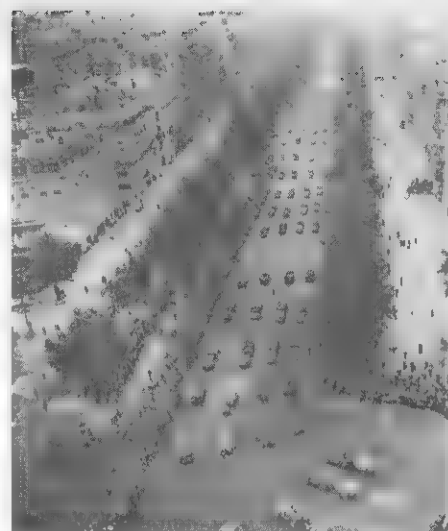
During the entire parade, our feet became the only casualties. As I wrote on the back of a photograph to my mother some time after, "The cobblestoned streets ruined our feet. They were sore for the next two weeks on the push toward the Siegfried Line. Love, Jim. P.S. How about some candy?"

Later a U.S. three-cent stamp commemorated the parade with an

etching made from a photo taken at the time. I was able to identify myself in the first row!

As we limped toward the end of the route, I had to admit to myself that the parade had accomplished at least one tactical advantage. The march had shifted our 28th Division from the southwest of Paris, where we had faced diminishing German infantry resistance and sporadic artillery fire, to the northeast of the city where the Germans were building a strong defense. In fact, some of the units of the 28th entered combat later that same afternoon. The event was reported as possibly the only instance in history of troops marching in a parade through the capital of a great country to participate in a pitched battle the same day.

For us, the Paris parade wound up among some tanks of Gen. Leclerc's French Armored Division, at a neglected airport. At once, a small, middle-aged French civilian in a baggy tweed suit hobbled up to me. He pointed down a weed-bordered airstrip. "Lin-dee, Lin-dee!" He followed up with a stream of French and began shaking hands with everyone in our depleted rifle company, down to about



This aerial photo shows American military vehicles rolling along the Champs Elysees on their way to the Arc de Triomphe. (DAVA Still Media Depository)

90 men. Every one of us brightened up. Some GIs hugged and patted the Frenchman on the back. Without understanding his language, we all realized that we were about to bivouac on le Bourget Airport, scene of another Parisian celebration for the U.S. 17 years before.

The Paris Parade of 1944. Created for its positive effect on the French people, it certainly succeeded in that. But, in addition, their enthusiastic reaction to us gave a great uplift to our morale. We needed that boost after the rough weeks we had endured and for even rougher months ahead.



A single plane dips its wings in salute as the French celebrate the surrender of Paris to French and American troops. (DAVA Still Media Depository)

Captain Harry's Centennial

As the 85th National Convention approaches, memories of many VFW members turn to thoughts of similar gatherings held over the years.

Some older members, those of the World War I era, may remember the Convention, then called Encampment, in Kansas City, Mo., in 1931.

Others may recall the 1949 Encampment in Miami when the VFW observed its 50th anniversary.

Why single out those two for special recollection?

Well, the 1931 National Convention was chaired by Harry S Truman, who became the 33rd President in 1945, and the 1949 Encampment had him as its principal speaker. (Truman eschewed a period after the "S." He claimed the single letter was his middle name. According to the story, one of his grandfathers was named Solomon and the other Shipp. Rather than offend either one, his parents named him Harry S for both.)

Memories of these two events were stirred by the 100th anniversary last May 8 of former President Truman's birth that began the Truman Centennial.

When he appeared at the Miami Convention, the North Atlantic Treaty was only a few months old, and what Walter Lippmann dubbed the "cold war" was going on in earnest. It would heat up less than a year after Truman's speech with the outbreak of the Korean War. World War II had been over for four years.

Truman's words, read 35 years later, show how little world problems have changed and could be uttered virtually unaltered by every President since.

"All the countries that signed the treaty have learned how weakness invites aggression — how democratic countries, unless they stand together, can be taken over by one," he declared.



In 1952 at the Washington Conference, President Truman holds up Life Member number 1000, with which he was presented.

Sound familiar?

Reviewing the Communist threat and Communism's claims to provide better lives for the world's peoples, he said the "free nations of the world offer a different answer to the demand of mankind for security and liberty."

"Our answer is based on voluntary association among free nations, mutual adjustment of our common problems and combined economic effort," he continued.

He also reminded delegates of the role the U.S. played in helping war-ravaged nations get back on their feet since the end of the war.

"The people of the United States have done more in the cause of world peace and world recovery than any other nation has ever been called upon to do."

But, he continued, the United States' purpose in arming itself and its allies is not "to start a fight with anybody. We are building defenses so that we won't have to fight."

United Nations failure to establish "bulwarks against aggression" he blamed on the Soviet Union, which "has blocked every effort to establish an effective international police force

and to free the world from the fear of aggression."

Prophetically, he said "two young republics — the Philippines and Korea — need military assistance if they are to maintain their national security." Military aid to Greece and Turkey would continue, and Iran needed help to ward off Soviet influence, he said.

When the future President chaired the Kansas City Convention committee, he was presiding judge of the Jackson County Court, a governmental not judicial body, as he pointed out.

His principal public function was to open the Convention and introduce civic and political leaders who welcomed delegates to the city and state. The first was Col. Ruby D. Garrett of the Chamber of Commerce, followed by Mayor Bryce B. Smith, Mayor Roger T. Sermon of Independence and finally, Gov. Henry S. Caufield.

Introducing Sermon, Truman noted Independence was his home and "a suburb of Kansas City and the county seat." Both served in the 35th Division's 129th Field Artillery during World War I. Sermon commanded Battery C, Truman Battery D on the Western Front.

When it came time to introduce Commander-in-Chief Paul Wolman, Truman pointed out that year's membership gain, despite the Depression, was 50,000 and 360 new Posts had been added.

Past Commander-in-Chief James E. Van Zandt recalled last year that Truman was a candidate for Commander-in-Chief at the 1931 Convention. That was the year Van Zandt was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief after serving as Chief of Staff.

Those two occasions were not the only ones Truman participated in after he rose to national prominence.

He was presented with Life Member card number 1000 at the 1952 Washington Conference. After he retired as President to his Independence home, he was present at at least one Department Senior Vice Commanders' Conference. Frequently, Commanders-in-Chief visited him during trips to Kansas City.

As an Army Reserve colonel in the 1930s, Truman often held Reserve Officer Association meetings in the VFW Building in Kansas City.

Truman's loyalty to the World War I veterans he commanded was legendary. He often attended their reunions and kept up a steady correspondence with survivors. One was Eddie Jacobson, a Kansas City clothier and ardent Zionist. It is said that Jacobson's influence went far toward Truman's support for the establishment of Israel.

Another Battery D survivor recalled in Foreign Service, the earlier name of VFW Magazine, several years ago:

"Truman may be Mr. President of United States of America to millions the world, but to his old cannoneers and skimmers, he still is and always will be 'Captain Harry.'"

Truman sought active duty with Army after Pearl Harbor, but Gen. George C. Marshall suggested he remain in the Senate. "Too old," he told him.

He did stay and became an important figure on the national scene as chairman of the committee that

examined war contracts and suppliers' performance. His work, it is said, saved taxpayers \$15 billion.

Reaching the Senate for the first term was not difficult, for Truman had the backing of the powerful Democratic Pendergast machine. When it came time for him to run for reelection, however, President Roosevelt favored Truman's primary opponent, former Missouri governor, Lloyd C. Stark. So Truman campaigned more vigorously throughout the state and won.

Unquestionably, Truman's military experience and continuous study of his favorite subject, history, held him in good stead in discussions with top military officers as well as his wartime watchdog role.

Roosevelt chose him in 1944 as his fourth-term running mate to satisfy objections to Henry A. Wallace as too liberal. Then Roosevelt died on April 12, 1945, and Truman was catapulted into the White House. Truman was the first of six other Presidents since



Harry S. Truman waves to the delegates at the 50th National Convention in Miami. He was the principal speaker.

Theodore Roosevelt to have had any military experience.

His accomplishments as President were numerous. A million American lives were saved when he ordered the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima and hastened Japan's surrender. He learned quickly the difficulties of negotiating with the Russians when he attempted it at the Potsdam Conference after the war in Europe. He moved quickly to force the withdrawal of Russian troops from Iran in 1947, and through the Truman Doctrine saved Greece from the Communists and strengthened Turkey. The Marshall Plan was adopted to rebuild Western Europe. The Russians, who refused to join in, inaugurated the Molotov Plan that exploited prostrate Eastern Europe. The Berlin Airlift saved that city from collapsing under the Russian blockade. NATO has been credited with keeping the peace in Western Europe since its inception in 1949. Defending Korea demonstrated that the U.S. would live up to its commitments to defend freedom.

When the former President died in December 1972, then VFW Commander-in-Chief Patrick E. Carr commented:

"He was often called a common man, but I believe that Harry Truman will go down in history as the most uncommon man of our time. He will live forever in the hearts of the people of the world. . . He was a humble man, but in that humility lay his strength."

Chairman of the 1931 National Convention in Kansas City, Harry S. Truman, left, greets delegates on the steps of the Ararat Temple. On the right, Col. Ruby Garrett, a committee member. The two women in period costume are unidentified.



The Nisei: American Soldier

by Vincent T. Tajiri

It was Saturday, Nov. 11, 1944. Some still thought of it as Armistice Day. In this Vosges mountain rest area, in a valley that ran from St. Die to Geradmer, with the enemy's artillery finding the range, the word "armistice" had an ironic ring to it.

It was raining as it had been since early September—cold and incessant. In this sea of blackened mud the newest of the invaders stood in a tattered formation. The short, stocky men with heavy, olive drab winter coats and steel helmets had nothing in their eyes but weariness.

Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, commander of the 36th Infantry Division, of the Texas National Guard, had asked that these men be assembled so he could congratulate them personally, for the valor they displayed during the past month when they had joined and spearheaded his division. Only two weeks earlier, after other units of the 141st Infantry had been beaten back in attempts to rescue their 1st Battalion surrounded by the Germans, he had called upon the troops of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. They

accomplished in five days of bitter fighting what seemed impossible.

When he saw not more than 800 men standing at attention in the rest area, where there should have been 4,500, Gen. Dahlquist turned to Col. Charles W. Pence, commander of the 442nd. "Colonel," he asked, "where are the rest of your men?"

Pence looked again at his troops before answering. Obviously, the 3rd Battalion had suffered the most. I Co. was represented by only eight men—four riflemen and a light machine gun section. K Co. had 17 riflemen plus the remnants of a weapons platoon and was now commanded by a young buck sergeant. Emotion tore at his voice as he replied, "Sir...these are all that are left."

At that moment he might have been reminded of King Pyrrhus after his troops had suffered enormous losses in defeating the Romans at Asculum. "Another such victory," Pyrrhus said, "and I am lost."

Of all the 442nd's victories since it joined the 36th Division at Epinal, the costliest had been the rescue of the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry, the "Lost Battalion."

The key battle had taken place on the fourth day of the rescue attempt. The 442nd Infantry's 3rd Battalion, moving along the center of the attack with the 100th Battalion, of the 442nd, on the right and the 2nd Battalion at the far left, reached the narrow heavily-wooded ridge where the "Lost Battalion" was trapped. The Germans had dug in their defenses all around the "Lost Battalion." Artillery, heavy weapons and machine guns were aimed down that narrow wooded ridge.

Supported by tanks, I and K Cos. managed to inch forward until the tanks were immobilized by enemy fire. The men were pinned down, caught in the cross fire of machine guns and treebursts from artillery and mortar shells that sent shrapnel raining in on them. The 3rd Battalion's men could neither advance nor pull back. "Fix bayonets," was the order. Men rose from their sheltered positions. Firing from the hip, they moved relentlessly forward. Some darted from one tree to another. As men fell, others stepped over them and moved on. The Germans fired their every weapon at the advancing men. It lasted a full half hour. To some it seemed like forever. Then the Germans, fresh troops of the 198th Fusilier Battalion and the 338th Infantry Division, broke and ran. The

*In the center, Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., receives two books from Paul Bannai, of the Veterans Administration, and Chester Tanaka, author of *Go for Broke*, the history of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.*



German defenses had been shattered.

At 2 p.m. the following day, the lead patrol of I Co. made contact with the "Lost Battalion." Two hours later, the position had been secured and relief had come to the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry. Altogether, 275 men had been rescued. The cost to the 442nd was roughly 800 men: 600 wounded, 200 killed. It was the kind of victory King Pyrrhus would have understood.

Since World War II took place some 40 years ago, it is not surprising that so many Americans, including fellow veterans, know so little about the 442nd RCT and what made this unit so unusual in U.S. history.

The combat team was composed of the 442nd Infantry Regiment, incorporating the 100th Infantry Battalion as its 1st Battalion, the 522nd Field Artillery and the 232nd Combat Team, totaling approximately 4,500. Its abnormally high 300% casualty rate is shown by the fact that eventually 18,000 men served within the combat team.

During its brief 2 1/2 years, the 442nd became the "most decorated unit of its size and length of service in the history of the United States." Its members were awarded 18,143 individual decorations for valor—everything from one Medal of Honor, posthumously to PFC. Sadao S. Munemori, to some 4,000 Bronze Stars with 1,200 Oak Leaf Clusters. The 18 decorations from allied nations included the French Croix de Guerre and the Italian Croce al Merito di Guerra.

But, being "the most decorated" was only another claim to uniqueness. What made the 442nd Combat Team truly unique was that, with the exception of several of its officers, it was an all-Nisei fighting outfit. Nisei means a "second-generation citizen born of immigrant Japanese parents."

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team accounted for 18,000 Japanese-Americans, but another 9,000 Japanese-Americans were scattered throughout other units of the U.S. Army including the Air Corps. The U.S. Army's best-kept secret was that 6,000 Japanese-Americans served in the Military Intelligence Service against the Japanese enemy in the Pacific.

The MIS was in the Aleutians. Its members marched in Guadalcanal, contracted malaria in Tarawa and died in the jungles and the caves of New Georgia, Iwo Jima, Peleliu and in all those other places that were coveted pieces of real estate. When Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur waded back onto



This army painting depicts the rescue of a 36th Division battalion, surrounded by Germans, by the all-Japanese-American 442nd Regimental Combat Team

the shores of Leyte, the MIS was by his side.

In the Solomons, Nisei intercepted the radio message that led to the successful ambush of Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Navy. MacArthur called this one of the most singularly significant events of the Pacific war.

In 1944, the MIS captured and translated the Japanese Navy's Z-Plan, the defense strategy for the Marianas—Guam, Saipan and Tinian. When the invasion took place, this knowledge made it possible for Adm. Raymond Spruance's fleet to wipe out the Japanese counterattack. The Japanese carriers never again appeared in battle.

These were men whose lives faced double jeopardy. In infiltrating the enemy's lines, they became victims to death from both sides. Their achievements can be measured by the statements of the men under whom they served so gallantly. General MacArthur, in praising them, said, "Never in military history did any army know so much about the enemy prior to actual engagement."

In Burma, Maj. Gen. Frank D. Merrill was less poetic, "As for the value of the Nisei, I couldn't have gotten along without them." Maj. Gen. Charles Willoughby, MacArthur's intelligence chief, put it like this: "The Nisei, saved a million lives and shortened the war by two years."

What was most remarkable about all of the Nisei who fought and died during World War II was that their parents, unlike other immigrants, had

been singled out by discriminatory laws that kept them from owning agricultural land and from ever becoming U.S. citizens—until the law was changed in 1952. The 1924 immigration law barred other Japanese from entering the U.S. at all.

The greatest blow dealt them occurred in May, 1942, when more than 110,000 of them—64% American-born, U.S. citizens—were taken from their homes and businesses at a huge financial loss and placed in hastily-constructed camps in the American interior. Barbed-wire fences patrolled by U.S. soldiers enclosed them. This "relocation" was ended by a U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1944 that ruled it unconstitutional.

None of these people were guilty of any crime against this nation. They were relocated because they were of Japanese ancestry and lived within the Western Defense Command consisting of three Pacific Coast states and portions of adjoining states. The statement by its commander, Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, "A Jap is a Jap", and the fact that neither Germans nor Italians (citizen or alien) on either coast were treated similarly point to the racially and politically motivated character of the "relocation." In Hawaii, where persons of Japanese ancestry constituted a third of the population, no evacuation took place. Wasn't Hawaii, which the Japanese navy attacked so easily, as vulnerable to invasion as the Pacific Coast states?

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May 30, 1984

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Dear Cooper:

I have been directed by the leadership and the member organizations of the National Vietnam Veterans Coalition to write you this letter of appreciation.

The men wanted me to let you know of their gratitude for the VFW's strong efforts in reference to the recent passage of S1651.

While we realize that many veterans organizations contributed to this just victory, we are keenly aware that your organization was the first to endorse Agent Orange Compensation Legislation and was by far the most supportive of such legislation. Your Organization's strongest lobbying effort did, indeed, make the difference in bringing this vital legislation into reality.

Thus, the Coalition and its member organizations, wishes to extend its deep and sincere thanks to the VFW. The leadership has informed me that they will do all in their power to insure that all Vietnam Veterans do realize that the VFW was their best supporter on this and other issues effecting Vietnam Veterans. Once again, we commend your actions on their behalf.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



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Q. What are the programs at the Community Center?

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Q. Are there organized sports? Do they play other homes for children?

A. There is a regular involvement with local team sports. Our youngsters play on teams sponsored by the Home. The team may be made up exclusively of Home youngsters or it may involve a mix of community and Home children. We sponsor teams in floor hockey, basketball, volleyball, softball, baseball and soccer. Depending on the sport, games are played against other children's homes, smaller private schools or other community teams. In many cases, our uniforms have been donated by the Military Order of the Cootie, through its recreational support program.

Q. What happens to the natural parents when the children are grown?

A. The National Home and its resources are available to assist single parents in the difficult task of raising their children alone. If they remain here until their children graduate from high school, they will then be faced with a decision concerning their own future. They are assisted in looking ahead to this day by our counseling staff. When the last child has graduated from high school, it will be necessary for the parent to be prepared to leave the Home. In some cases, these parents move back to their homes of record. Others settle in the Eaton Rapids area.

VFW Takes Part In D-Day Rites

Looking on during the presentation of the medals to mayors were some 1500 persons, including Raymond Triboulet, a former French cabinet minister and chairman of the commemoration committee; units of the French Army; the U.S. 1st Division, which landed on D-Day; the U.S. Army band from Heidelberg, Germany; Gen. Glenn K. Otis, U.S. Army Commander in Europe.

Vander Clute also participated in

An agreement transferring to the United States from France the land on which the D-Day monument on Utah Beach was erected and dedicated on the 40th anniversary of Normandy invasion is signed by U.S. Ambassador to France Evan G. Galbraith and Jean Laurain, French secretary of state for veterans' affairs. Standing behind Laurain is Raymond Triboulet, chairman of the D-Day commemoration committee. Standing at extreme left are Past Commander Leon Turrou and Commander Robert L. Whitebread, of Paris Post 605. The man standing in the center is unidentified.



When the 40th anniversary of the landings in Normandy was commemorated, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States was there, represented by Adjutant Gen. Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr.

A highlight of the VFW's participation was Vander Clute's presentation of VFW Medals of Commendation to the Omaha Beach towns of St. Laurent-sur-Mer, Colleville-sur-Mer and Verville-sur-Mer on behalf of Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr. The mayors accepted the awards for their towns.

The awards were made in recognition of their cooperation in preserving the Omaha Beach area and cooperation with American authorities in caring for the American Cemetery and Memorial overlooking Omaha Beach and where nearly 10,000 Americans killed in the Normandy and Northern France Campaigns are buried. The three towns are a short distance south of the beach, and their capture played a pivotal role in the initial success of the invasion 40 years ago.

During the commemoration, a street in St. Laurent-sur-Mer was renamed in honor of the 2nd Inf. Div., which landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day plus 1.

the ceremonies on Utah Beach, where the American Battle Monuments Commission erected an obelisk-type monument to VII Corps troops who landed there. Among others taking part were Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, U.S. Ambassador to France Evan G. Galbraith and representatives of the U.S. Army in Europe.

Accompanying him on his visit to the beaches were Quartermaster Elmer L. Matheke of the Department of Germany and Commander Robert L. Whitbread of Post 605 in Paris, who worked closely with the French and American authorities in preparing for VFW participation in the anniversary observance.

Prior to the official observance on Omaha Beach at which President Ronald Reagan and French President Francois Mitterand spoke, Vander Clute took part in a reception for dignitaries that included 17 members of the House of Representatives; Sens. Strom Thurmond, an ex-paratrooper, Lowell Weicker and John Warner; Gen. Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe; Secretary of State George P. Shultz, VA Administrator Harry N. Walters and several others.

To acquaint himself with European defense problems, Vander Clute traveled to the Netherlands where he met with Prosper Ego, president of the Legion of Ex-Servicemen of the Netherlands, who testified before the Dutch Parliament's Defense Committee strongly in favor of missile deployment now as the Dutch agreed in 1979.

In Weiden, Germany, Vander Clute was briefed by U.S. armored cavalry officers patrolling the German-Czechoslovak border and then went to the crossing point at Waidhaus, where Czechoslovak border guards became alarmed at their presence and watched their movements closely. This is also where the natural gas pipeline from the Soviet Union is under construction. Besides the understrength U.S. armored cavalry unit, German border police, customs units and Bavarian border police also patrol the border.

Vander Clute also visited two VFW Posts in the area and attended the German Department convention in Bamberg. Briefings on the Soviet reaction to the missile buildup, theater nuclear weapons deployment, politics and logistics in Europe were provided him at 7th Army Headquarters in Heidelberg.

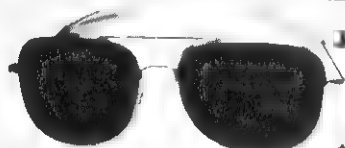
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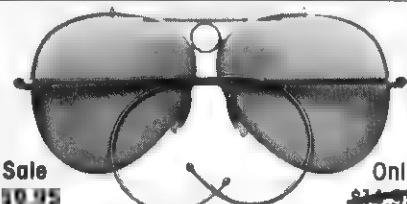


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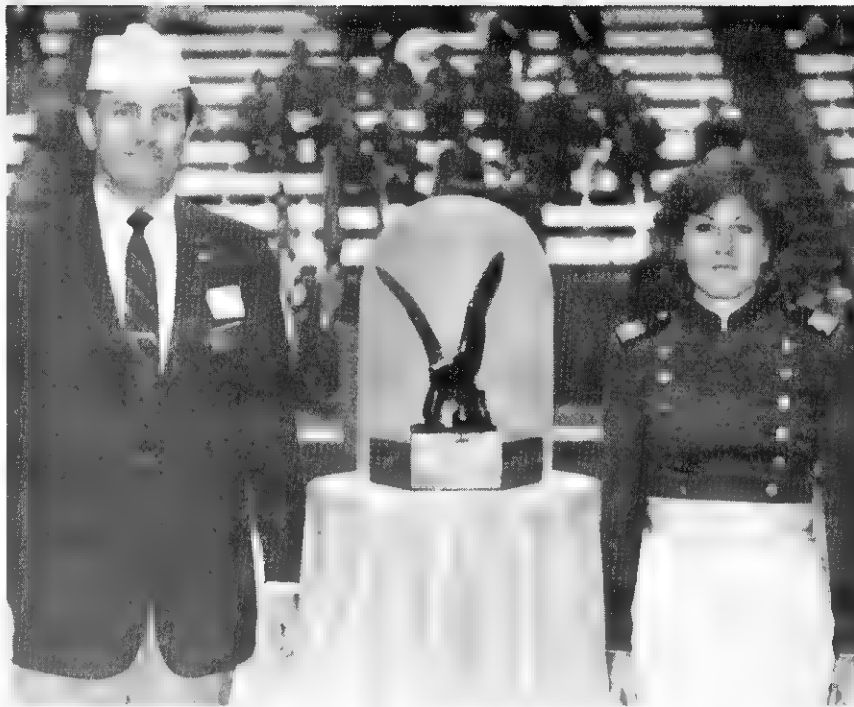
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Above: Past Commander-in-Chief James R. (Bob) Currie poses with Cadet Kristen A. Dotterway after presenting her with the Brig. Gen. Peter R. Moody Award in recognition of her outstanding scholastic achievement in English. The presentation was made at Air Force Academy graduation ceremonies. **Below left:** VFW Chief of Staff Raymond D. Brennan, Jr., presents Midshipman Kristine Holderied with the VFW Award for standing first in order of merit at the Naval Academy. **Below right:** VFW Inspector Gen. Charles H. Sullivan presents the VFW Award to Midshipman Thomas P. Marian at graduation ceremonies at the Coast Guard Academy for his outstanding record in the humanities.



Additional VA Burial Benefits

In addition to the Veterans Administration burial benefits listed in the April issue, several others are available to veterans who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

These are detailed in the current VA booklet, "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents."

Veterans of the Spanish-American War, Mexican Border Period, World War I, World War II, Korean Conflict Period, Vietnam Era and Certain Peacetime Service are eligible for burial Flags if they served during wartime, or after Jan. 31, 1955, or at least one enlistment during peacetime "unless discharged or released sooner for disability incurred in line of duty."

"VA may also issue a Flag for a veteran who is missing in action and is later presumed dead," the booklet says. The Flag is "to drape the casket of veteran" and then it may be given to the next-of-kin, close friend or associate of the deceased veteran.

Burial in VA national cemeteries is available to veterans of wartime or peacetime service "other than for training." The booklet notes also that reservists and Army and Air National Guardsmen who died on active duty or on active duty for training also may be eligible.

Burial also is available to an eligible veteran's wife, husband, widow or widower, minor children and in some cases unmarried adult children.

Headstones and markers are provided for the gravesites of those buried in national cemeteries.

Burial in Arlington National Cemetery, which is under Army jurisdiction, is limited to certain categories of military personnel and veterans except in the case of cremated remains to be placed in the columbarium.

Veterans buried in private cemeteries are eligible for headstones and markers if they meet the eligibility requirements for burial in a national cemetery. No charge is made, but the cost of placing the marker in a private cemetery must be borne by the applicant. This benefit does not apply to the veteran's family buried in a private cemetery, but it does in the case of family members buried in a state-owned cemetery.

The VA may pay an amount not to exceed the actual cost of a government headstone or marker as a partial reimbursement for the person acquiring one to be placed in a cemetery other than a national cemetery. The cost varies from year to year. Effective last Oct. 1, it was \$68.

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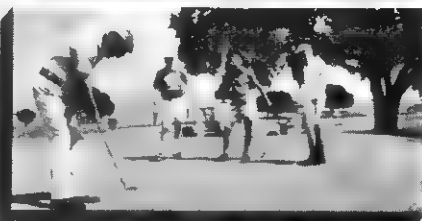
veteran's and signed by the President are provided next-of-kin.

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1
N.C. Department Commander Jack Ragan presents honor banner to Commander Dorris Derrick, of Post 6018, Fayetteville, N.C. for reaching 100% by last Dec. 30. In center is Department Sr. Vice Commander Ron Green.

2
Elyria, Ohio, Mayor Michael Keys, center, inspects Jaws of Life, costing \$5,500 and donated by Post 1079. Looking on are State Safety Chairman Norman Eckhart and Fire Chief Ronald Novak.

3
Rep. Mike Synar, center, holds his third annual veterans' seminar to learn their views on pending legislation. With him are Oklahoma Department Commander George Nelson and Chief of Staff Wayne Webb.

4
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Billy Ray Cameron, center, meets Arkansas Department Commander Bill Taylor and Commander James Roof, of Post 3246, at a membership roundup in Mountain Home, Ark.



5
More than 100 new members are obligated at the institution of Post 10732, Berlin, Conn. Membership of this new Post, mustered on Dec. 4, 1983, already exceeds 254 members.

6
Past Commander-in-Chief James E. Van Zandt, center, signs for the second time the charter of Post 2940, West Seneca, N.Y., as event chairman Ray Nowak, left, and Commander Jack Eckl look on. He signed it first in 1934 as Commander-in-Chief.

7
Connecticut Gov. William A. O'Neill, a life member of Post 5095, center, greets Department Commander Louis Reale and Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., on a visit to his office in Hartford.

8
Commander Brad Bradley, of Post 10268 on Kwajalein, takes part in commemorative ceremonies marking the battles of Kwajalein and Roi-Namur in February, 1944, taken from the Japanese by Army and Marine infantry in four days.

May (Parenthetical number indicates times Commander has won this honor)



DIV I
George D. Miller (9)
Ohio



DIV II
Earl Gunnels, Jr. (2)
California



DIV III
Lester Davis (6)
Florida



DIV IV
Claude (Jack) Ragan (3)
North Carolina



DIV V
Otis N. Berry (5)
Virginia

posts of 1,000 members or more

Recorded as of June 7, 1984

Post Place No	Location	1983 Membership			
1	1114 Evansville, Ind.	4,075	11	1273 Rapid City, S.D.	2,151
2	3579 Park Ridge, Ill.	2,828	12	360 Mishawaka, Ind.	2,148
3	49 Mobile, Ala.	2,699	13	1296 Bloomington, Minn.	2,018
4	628 Sioux Falls, S.D.	2,596	14	401 Albuquerque, N.M.	2,013
5	1308 Alton, Ill.	2,575	15	6704 Mechanicsburg, Pa.	1,989
6	47 Uniontown, Pa.	2,528	16	2290 Manville, N.J.	1,982
7	1146 Saint Clair Shores, Mich.	2,492	17	3382 Kingsport, Tenn.	1,975
8	1064 Huntington, W. Va.	2,384	18	2539 Gulfport, Miss.	1,918
9	5555 Richfield, Minn.	2,352	19	249 Butler, Pa.	1,907
10	131 Lincoln, Neb.	2,189	20	283 Kingston, Pa.	1,859



DIV VI
J.W. Bohanan
Georgia



DIV VII
Henry S. Allen, Sr. (3)
South Carolina



DIV VIII
Elmo J. Whitmore (5)
New Mexico



DIV IX
Gene Corbin (9)
Alaska



DIV X
William E. Gray Jr. (7)
District of Columbia

order of parade

Standings are based on per capita tax transmittals received at National Headquarters through May 31, 1984

NATIONAL AVERAGE — 101.20%

1	Alaska	114.34	13	Mississippi	102.47	34	Nebraska	100.656
2	Utah	109.75	14	Arkansas	102.39	35	District of Columbia	100.59
3	South Carolina	107.17	15	Missouri	102.26	36	Massachusetts	100.56
4	Florida	106.77	16	North Dakota	102.18	37	South Dakota	100.45
5	Virginia	103.53	17	Rhode Island	102.14	38	Montana	100.44
6	Ohio	103.48	18	Washington	102.06	39	Minnesota	100.35
7	New Mexico	103.45	19	California	101.56	40	New York	100.03
8	Arizona	103.44	20	Maryland	101.50	41	Louisiana	99.71
9	North Carolina	103.29	21	Alabama	101.38	42	Pacific Area	99.63
10	Iowa	102.75	22	Vermont	101.20	43	Tennessee	99.60
11	New Hampshire	102.713	23	Colorado	101.13	44	Illinois	99.08
12	Georgia	102.704	24	Kentucky	101.11	45	Germany	98.84
			25	New Jersey	101.06	46	Maine	98.83
			26	Nevada	100.98	47	West Virginia	98.59
			27	Texas	100.91	48	Oklahoma	98.55
			28	Indiana	100.90	49	Kansas	98.48
			29	Oregon	100.883	50	Hawaii	98.39
			30	Connecticut	100.882	51	Idaho	97.39
			31	Michigan	100.73	52	Delaware	96.66
			32	Pennsylvania	100.70	53	Wyoming	96.33
			33	Wisconsin	100.658	LAST	Panama Canal	95.68

Post Place No.	Location	1983 Membership
21	6506 Rosedale, Md.	1,859
22	6640 Metairie, La.	1,849
23	3969 Tacoma, Wash.	1,847
24	2100 Everett, Wash.	1,788
25	6975 Bristol, Va.	1,774
26	379 Yakima, Wash.	1,772
27	5263 Fort Sill, Okla.	1,768
28	1276 Lima, Ohio	1,718
29	1003 Jefferson City, Mo.	1,714
30	4372 Odessa, Texas	1,711
31	573 Clarksburg, W. Va.	1,665
32	7987 New Port Richey, Fla.	1,653
33	3851 Carmi, Ill.	1,626
34	9619 Morningside, Md.	1,616
35	367 Joliet, Ill.	1,610
36	2704 South Omaha, Neb.	1,610
37	641 Columbia, S.C.	1,607
38	2012 Abilene, Texas	1,606
39	8541 San Antonio, Texas	1,592
40	1000 Independence, Mo.	1,587
41	1599 Chambersburg, Pa.	1,578
42	112 Wichita, Kan.	1,574
43	501 Denver, Colo.	1,571
44	5632 Saint Louis Park, Minn.	1,560
45	549 Tucson, Ariz.	1,549
46	1989 Indiana, Pa.	1,546
47	1621 Janesville, Wis.	1,538
48	2754 West View, Pa.	1,535
49	7330 Oakville, Conn.	1,534
50	1736 Alexandria, La.	1,531
51	23 Lebanon, Pa.	1,528
52	9400 Sunnyslope, Ariz.	1,522
53	1079 Elyria, Ohio	1,514
54	9191 Killeen, Texas	1,513
55	2503 Omaha, Neb.	1,508
56	53 Jamestown, N.Y.	1,506
57	4903 Tucson, Ariz.	1,505
58	1 Denver, Colo.	1,503
59	1650 Topeka, Kan.	1,502
60	6796 Dallas, Texas	1,501
61	1857 Oklahoma City, Okla.	1,495
62	5225 West Memphis, Ark.	1,479
63	4087 Davison, Mich.	1,472
64	891 Asheville, N.C.	1,466
65	832 South Portland, Maine	1,459
66	7119 Indianapolis, Ind.	1,434
67	733 Mason City, Iowa	1,431
68	6896 Detroit, Mich.	1,430
69	1432 Salina, Kan.	1,428
70	3892 Harker Heights, Texas	1,422
71	2529 Sandusky, Ohio	1,401
72	295 South Saint Paul, Minn.	1,398
73	5206 Hendersonville, N.C.	1,380
74	447 Albert Lea, Minn.	1,377
75	589 Hazleton, Pa.	1,371
76	1865 Kenosha, Wis.	1,370
77	2130 Lake Charles, La.	1,369
78	3777 Festus, Mo.	1,363
79	1810 Brentwood, Pa.	1,355
80	6251 Cheektowaga, N.Y.	1,350
81	4057 Tupelo, Miss.	1,349
82	2199 Joliet, Ill.	1,346
83	7175 Millington, Tenn.	1,342
84	3838 Cape Girardeau, Mo.	1,340
85	577 Tulsa, Okla.	1,339
86	762 Fargo, N.D.	1,339
87	1216 Austin, Minn.	1,329
88	972 Terre Haute, Ind.	1,320
89	2093 Orlando, Fla.	1,320
90	428 Saint Cloud, Minn.	1,318
91	3160 Norfolk, Va.	1,315
92	2346 Saugus, Mass.	1,313
93	1435 Spokane, Wash.	1,302
94	6874 Lemon Grove, Calif.	1,295
95	1201 Ponca City, Okla.	1,294
96	2940 West Seneca, N.Y.	1,282
97	1475 Amarillo, Texas	1,267
98	3962 Corinth, Miss.	1,266
99	4848 Chattanooga, Tenn.	1,238
100	1536 Sayre, Pa.	1,231
101	9186 San Antonio, Texas	1,221
102	6712 Revere, Mass.	1,218
103	1863 Solon, Ohio	1,218
104	3790 Logansport, Ind.	1,215
105	1590 Daytona Beach, Fla.	1,215
106	2640 Wallington, N.J.	1,212
107	2702 Huntsville, Ala.	1,203
108	1120 Indianapolis, Ind.	1,203
109	1639 Willmar, Minn.	1,194
110	1990 Greenville, Tenn.	1,189
111	4051 Colorado Springs, Colo.	1,178
112	8919 El Paso, Texas	1,177
113	4488 Grenada, Miss.	1,174
114	1474 Spokane, Wash.	1,173
115	8790 Houston, Texas	1,170
116	305 Eau Claire, Wis.	1,169
117	1115 Hillsville, Va.	1,167
118	1411 Cumberland, Md.	1,166
119	1944 Puente, Calif.	1,166
120	6240 Russell, Kan.	1,163
121	425 Hopkins, Minn.	1,162
122	137 Duluth, Minn.	1,159
123	3376 Ephrata, Pa.	1,155
124	1271 Central Falls, R.I.	1,148
125	3074 Lexington, N.C.	1,141
126	191 Canonsburg, Pa.	1,135
127	658 Macon, Ga.	1,134
128	1087 Great Falls, Mont.	1,132
129	905 Gardner, Mass.	1,131
130	6800 Somerville, Mass.	1,120
131	382 El Reno, Okla.	1,118
132	155 Johnston, Pa.	1,114
133	7069 Clarks Summit, Pa.	1,111
134	3368 Mount Pleasant, Pa.	1,105
135	5266 Morristown, Tenn.	1,103
136	9337 Gastonia, N.C.	1,102
137	9969 Del City, Okla.	1,100
138	7686 Alamogordo, N.M.	1,100
139	1848 Jackson, Tenn.	1,099
140	1383 Klamath Falls, Ore.	1,096
141	4256 Madeira Beach, Fla.	1,094
142	668 Birmingham, Ala.	1,093
143	9223 Arlington, Calif.	1,091
144	1693 New Albany, Ind.	1,089
145	5108 Marietta, Ohio	1,085
146	2149 Bensenville, Ill.	1,080
147	4075 Frankfort, Ky.	1,077
148	788 Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1,077
149	2496 Alpena, Mich.	1,075
150	167 Charleroi, Pa.	1,074
151	2867 Garfield, N.J.	1,073
152	4548 Jacksonville, Ark.	1,070
153	145 Bridgeport, Conn.	1,070
154	6827 Saint Petersburg, Fla.	1,069
155	2166 Elizabethton, Tenn.	1,066
156	5179 San Diego, Calif.	1,066
157	943 Ashtabula, Ohio	1,065
158	1936 Hagerstown, Md.	1,063
159	495 Columbus, Ohio	1,057
160	1720 Grand Rapids, Minn.	1,053
161	1754 Huntingdon, Pa.	1,050
162	9539 Spartanburg, S.C.	1,050
163	529 Somerville, Mass.	1,047
164	1881 Cheyenne, Wyo.	1,044
165	99 Decatur, Ill.	1,043
166	737 Council Bluffs, Iowa	1,037
167	5064 McMinnville, Tenn.	1,033
168	5542 Bristol, Pa.	1,033
169	639 Malden, Maine	1,032
170	753 Minot, N.D.	1,029
171	2466 Lubbock, Texas	1,029
172	950 Mankato, Minn.	1,029
173	3553 Chester, Ill.	1,029
174	3588 Lake Worth, Fla.	1,028
175	5290 Conyers, Ga.	1,024
176	701 Lansing, Mich.	1,023
177	847 Superior, Wis.	1,019
178	1600 Bellefonte, Pa.	1,018
179	2147 Wichita Falls, Texas	1,015
180	6672 Thomson, Ga.	1,013
181	245 Sellersville, Pa.	1,012
182	5220 Oak Lawn, Ill.	1,011
183	3373 Pascagoula, Miss.	1,005
184	3042 Laurel, Miss.	1,005
185	2716 Weirton, W.V.	1,004
186	1492 Streator, Ill.	1,003
187	1223 Moorhead, Minn.	1,003
188	2520 Berlin, N.H.	1,003
189	1069 Fairfield, Ohio	1,002
190	673 Jasper, Ind.	1,000

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national aides-de-camp

The following VFW members have distinguished themselves by winning appointments as National Aides-de-Camp, Recruiting Class, during the month of May, 1984. To be eligible for this award, a member must collect the dues of at least 50 new and/or reinstated members.

Vincent G. Cummings, Post 720, Phoenix, Ariz.; Phillip E. Becker, Post 3715, Phoenix, Ariz.; Eugene Castonguay, Post 2967, Wilmington, Calif.; Lloyd Hanks, Post 7888, Cedarville, Calif.; Ronald L. Kimmel, Post 7895, Salinas, Calif.; Felix F. Perez, Post 8900, Fresno, Calif.; Richard Van Rennes, Post 9223, Riverside, Calif.; Boyd Head, Post 1966, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Charles T. Cotton, Post 2420, Lake Wales, Fla.; John F. Betz, Post 4228, Titusville, Fla.; Louis C. Graziano, Post 6672, Thomson, Ga.; Frederick L. Rowe, Post 639, Malden, Mass.; George Frongillo, Post 2496, Alpena, Mich.; Clyde E. Imig, Post 1102, St. Louis, Mo.; Cecil Reichstein, Post 10562, Hastings, Neb.; William R. Andrews, Post 2179, Middletown, N.J.; Louis Pierro, Post 4914, Willingboro, N.J.; Raymond Lissemore, Post 6467, Bergenfield, N.J.; Dennis P. Wall, Post 7164, Avenel, N.J.; and G.P. Miserandino, Sr., Post 5016, Guilderland, N.Y.

John McGovern, Post 3073, Dothan, Ala.; Vernon L. Jones and William V. Pellman, Post 10252, Mountain View, Ark.; Robert A. Wallis, Post 1991, Jonesboro, Ark.; Alfonso Millan, Post 1679, Ventura, Calif.; John T. Higgins, Post 2805, Canoga Park, Calif.; Marvin W. Chezem, Post 4417, Banning, Calif.; Stephen Hudobenko and Frank J. Foran, Post 7330, Oakville, Conn.; Donald A. Smith, Post 10281, Vine Grove, Ky.; James C. Feldhaus, Post 9133, Jacksonville, N.C.; Dan E. Mosee, Post 1442, Portland,

Ore.; Carl A. Robinson and Teofilo Rivas, Post 641, Columbia, S.C.; Joe Lawrence, Post 4780, Greenfield, Tenn.; Robert L. Hendrix, Post 992, Walla Walla, Wash.; and Frank H. Kanitz, Post 8490, Tacoma, Wash.

Wm. Gordon Smith, Post 3058, Moga-dore, Ohio; H.R. McKenzie, Post 8402, Jackson, Ohio; Paul John Baker, Post 589, Hazelton, Pa.; Robert D. Allamby, Post 272, Warwick, R.I.; Jesse Foster, Post 4262, Columbia, S.C.; Dudley C. Crenshaw and Jim Franks, Post 10330, Greenville, S.C.; and Phil Bustamante, Post 7208, Midland, Texas.

Vic Greco, Post 7705, Weaverville, Calif.; James R. Fitzgerald, Post 6590, Cookstown, N.J.; Alfred E. Thal, Post 2147, Wichita Falls, Texas; Thomas W. Barrett, Post 8550, El Paso, Texas; and Gay A. Austin, Post 9192, Killeen, Texas.

James G. Chalder, Post 10252, Mountain View, Ark.; Arthur W. Burrell, Post 1, Denver, Colo.; Kenneth E. Wessels, Post 7115, Plantation, Fla.; Harvey C. Morgan, Post 10097, Ft. Myers, Fla.; James A. O'Neill, Post 10477, Lakeland, Fla.; Robert A. Schulenburg, Post 5141, Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Donald G. Burnett, Post 1146, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; and Charles Lansford and Tom Cordes, Jr., Post 1003, Jefferson City, Mo.; Joseph C. Bryner, Post 3620, Gloucester City, N.J.; and Frederick Young, Jr., Post 6018, Fayetteville, N.C.

Ronald H. Loadman, Post 1810, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Magnus O. Meyer, Post 837, San Antonio, Texas; Virgil Litchford, Post 4692, Bryan, Texas; Earl G. Deaven, Post 8541, San Antonio, Texas; F. Wayne Walters, Post G. Deaven, Post 8541, San Antonio, Texas; F. Wayne Walters, Post 10530, King George, Va.; Maurice E. Whetham, Post 1474, Spokane Wash.; and Charles L. Solace, Post 9439, Casper, Wyo.

The following VFW members have distinguished themselves by winning appointments as National Aides-de-camp, reclass, during the month of June, 1984. To be eligible for this award, a member must collect the dues of at least 50 new and/or reinstated member.

Quentin J. Goodrich, Post 591, Wallingford, Conn.; Leo J. Muise, Post 2152, Waltham, Mass.; James C. Avery, Post 8220, Belton, Mo.; James V. Falbo, Post 4591, Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.; Robert N. Wofford, Post 5631, Sanford, N.C.; Robert Folch, Post 9186, San Antonio, Texas; Arthur K. Banks, Post 3466, Charleston, W. Va.; Walter Y. Carter, Post 9083, Baltimore, Md.; William Isaacs, Post 5343, Villas, N.J.; Warren D. Cook and Lenwood Tant, Post 8541, San Antonio, Texas.

Jarold K. Stottlmyre, Post 5110, Karlsruhe, Germany; James C. Henderson, Post 6796, Dallas, Texas; Donald W. Townsley, Post 3376, Ephrata, Pa.; Charles N. Voutselas, Sr., Post 639, Malden, Mass.; Bernard Hayes, Post 471, Miami, Fla.; and Fred Hivner, Post 1784, Chino, Calif.

Ronald Paschell, Post 1685, Anchorage, Alaska; Johnnie Walker, Post 2333, Suisun City, Calif.; Anthony S. Caffarelli, Post 1146, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; John Hightower, Post 3791, Flint, Mich.; George H. Osborne, Post 1470, Bath, N.Y.; Nicholas A. Scandale, Post 4954, Old Forge, Pa.; Roger J. Smith, Post 6975, Bristol, Va.; and John W. Lemmer, Post 3057, Westport, Wash.

Ray Ehrhart, Post 9365, Wasilla, Alaska; Howard D. McCauley, Post 7909, Jacksonville, Fla.; Donald Bruce MacLean and Thomas J. McHenry, Post 8687, E. Ft. Myers, Fla.; Daniel R. Ranson, Post 3023, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Chris A. Kusmanick, Post 3620, Gloucester City, N.J.; Mike Rock, Post 943, Ashtabula, Ohio; and Clarence C. Delair, Post 249, Butler, Pa.

AFEM Awarded For Lebanon Service

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have approved the award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) for Lebanon, with June 1, 1983, as the opening date for the operation and the closing date to be determined later.

Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., has repeatedly urged this action be taken.

The area of operations includes Lebanon, adjacent waters and the airspace above and adjacent to it. To qualify for the AFEM, military personnel must have served at least 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days in the area of operations.

Direct support of the Lebanon operation for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days also may qualify for the AFEM if the direct support actually involved entering the area of operations.

Also qualifying for the AFEM are

those who engaged in combat or duty which is equally as hazardous as combat during the operation with armed opposition, regardless of time in the area.

Regularly assigned crewmembers of aircraft who flew into, out of, within or over the area to support the operation also may qualify. Armed forces personnel who receive the AFEM for Lebanon meet the overseas and campaign medal requisites for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

VFW Aids Victims Of Tornadoes in North Carolina

The VFW proved once again its willingness to assist victims of natural disasters when it aided the victims of the spring tornadoes that devastated parts of North Carolina.

Department of North Carolina Adjutant Quartermaster Cleve Cox contacted Adjutant Gen. Howard E.

Vander Clute, Jr., at VFW National Headquarters in Kansas City for assistance, shortly after the tornadoes struck eastern North Carolina and caused millions of dollars in damage.

Many of those affected were VFW members, and Vander Clute agreed that National Headquarters would match funds raised by the Department up to \$20,000.

The same day Cox talked to Vander Clute, an appeal was made to Posts and Auxiliaries for donations to needy veterans and their families. In a short time \$6,000 had been received from individual members, Posts and Auxiliaries throughout the Department with an equal amount to come from National Headquarters.

Department Commander Jack Ragan and Cox dispensed \$2,500 in stricken Pitt County immediately, with \$2,000 given in Maxton and Red Springs. Other areas were covered the week of April 9. They included Cumberland, Sampson and Wayne Counties.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The following proposed amendments are published for consideration by the 85th National Convention

C-1

Proposed by the Department of Montana

PREAMBLE

Amend the preamble of the Constitution to read as follows:

"We, officers and enlisted men and women, and honorably discharged officers and enlisted men and women of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps of the United States of America, who have served in Foreign Wars of the United States of America, and, or served in the Armed Forces of the United States in hostile actions overseas, do unite to establish a permanent organization, which shall be known as Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

"This, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America, was organized by the amalgamation of the Army of the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico, on September 14 to 17, 1914 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania."

C-2

Proposed by the Department of Montana

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

Amend Article III, Membership, to read as follows:

"Section 1. Any officer or any honorably discharged officer (including contract or acting assisting surgeon, dental surgeon, or veterinary surgeon), or enlisted man or woman, who has served or may serve in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps of the United States of America, in any foreign war, insurrection or expedition (which service shall be governed by the issuance of a campaign badge by the Government of the United States of America) as the By Laws may provide, shall be eligible to active membership

Section 2 Any officer or any honorably discharged officer or enlisted man or woman who has honorably served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America which includes the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps and while so serving outside the limits of the territories of the United States became involved in hostile actions by military personnel of another nation, and/or a terrorist group with or without a country origin, shall be eligible to active membership."

AMEND CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER

The following proposed amendment is published for consideration
by the 85th National Convention

Proposed by the Department of Montana

Amend Congressional Charter in accordance with Section 10 thereof and pursuant to the individual active members of the association adopting the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, by a three-fourths (3/4) vote if agreed to by the Convention, then and in that event, the officers of the Veterans of Foreign

Wars of the United States are instructed to immediately ask the Congress of the United States to amend Section 5 of the Congressional Charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to conform with our Constitution and By-Law changes

National Home Annual Meeting Oct. 27

The annual meeting of the corporation will be held at 9 a.m. at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich. on Oct. 27, in accordance with the By-laws to elect two trustees, one from the 5th District of the National Home (Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia and Alabama) and one from the 8th District of the National Home (Illinois and Indiana). Mail ballots for the election must be received at the National Home no later than 10 a.m., October 17 per "Article I, Section 4, Voting."

POW/MIA Unit Judges VA Work

Although the VA's Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners found health care provided this group of veterans has been "uniformly excellent and without complaint," the "adjudication process still requires attention."

This was one of the conclusions brought forth by the committee at its meeting in Washington March 7 and 8. Chairman is retired Air Force Lt. Gen. John P. Flynn, who also chairs the VFW

POW/MIA Subcommittee.

Reports from the field, the committee said, indicate that VA field stations "are still not complying with the spirit and intent of PL 97-37" and that "the information, education and indoctrination contained in the directives have not reached the 'worker' level at the field stations."

From December to March, the committee reported, the "hot line" has handled 3,000 calls, 75% of which have dealt with problems that were resolved during the call.

Congress has added another presumptive disease to the list of those included, the committee reported. It is dysthymic disorders, a feeling of depression and anxiety. The committee plans to ask Congress to add to the list of presumptions.

After hearing reports from representatives of the VA Department of Medicine and Surgery and Veterans Benefits, it was recommended that a compliance inspection system be initiated to insure that field stations are complying with directives relating to PL 97-37. The committee commended the two VA departments for their effort to comply with the law.

Discussing pending Congressional action to proclaim July 20 as National

POW/MIA Recognition Day, Flynn urged former prisoners to take part in programs planned in their communities for the occasion.

Ohio Seeking Vietnam Veterans for AO Study

The Department of Ohio is seeking veterans who served in Vietnam to help in a survey of birth defects in children conceived after their father or mother returned home after exposure to Agent Orange in Southeast Asia.

Anyone contacting the Department is asked to include the child's birthdate, whether other children were born without birth defects and their birthdates, tour of duty years, location in Southeast Asia, branch of service, name used during service and names and addresses of comrades for possible future reference.

Replies may be sent to Mrs. Mary Ann Barker at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Building, 4100 East Main Street, Whitehall, Ohio 43213. Her husband is the Department Service Officer.

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General Orders

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
Veterans of Foreign Wars
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1983-84 Series General Orders No. 10

1. The following appointments are hereby announced: NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF: Dennis Fields, Post 8641, Merrimack, N.H.; ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL: Richard G. Miller, Post 8641, Merrimack, N.H.

2. Posts that have not sent in a Post Election Report form, listing the Post officers for 1984-85 will not receive credentials for the National Convention.

3. Posts are reminded they must register, in advance one, or more, delegates to the VFW National Convention (Section 222 of the National Constitution and By-Laws). Advance registration fee is six dollars (\$6.00) per delegate should be mailed to Veterans of Foreign Wars 85th National Convention, Suite 419, The Conrad Hilton Hotel, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60605. Registration at the Convention will be eight dollars (\$8.00).

4. The attention of all Department, District, County Council and Post officers is directed to Section 703 of the National Constitution and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure which requires that each accountable officer of the organization shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of liquid assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable.

5. Announcement is made of correct locations of the following Posts: Post 8443, Hendersonville, Tenn.; Post 10377, Morgan's Point Resort City, Texas; and Post 10740, Heilbronn, West Germany.

6. The locations of the following Posts have been changed: Post 7372 from Toledo to Sylvania, Ohio, and Post 10595 from Bamberg to Denmark, S.C.

7. Certificates of charters evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts: Posts 45, 228 and 4350 consolidated as Post 45, Providence, R.I. and Posts 344 and 7390 consolidated as Post 344, San Jose, Calif.

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By Command of
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
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1. Posts that have not submitted a Post Election Report form listing officers for 1984-85 should do so immediately for matter of record and so that mailings can be made to the proper officers within each post.

2. Departments that have not forwarded an official roster to National Headquarters listing the officers of their Department should do so immediately so that correspondence may be directed to the proper officers in each Department.

3. Attention of all Posts is directed to Section 107 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, "Transfers," and the provisions for the official form (Form P-150) for the transfer of members from one Post to another and the requirement for its use in accepting a member by transfer. Posts can obtain P-150 forms by writing their Department Headquarters or to the Membership Director, VFW National Headquarters.

4. Post Commanders and Adjutants will see that credentials for duly elected delegates to the National Convention are properly filled out and turned over to the proper representatives of the Post prior to their departure to the National Convention. Posts that have not sent in a Post Election Report Form listing officers for 1984-85 will not receive credentials for the National Convention. Credentials have been mailed to Post Commanders.

5. National Headquarters offices will be open for business at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, 720 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. from Aug. 17 through Aug. 24, 1984.

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7. Announcement is made of correct locations of the following Posts: Post 674, Gilbert, Iowa; Post 7374, York, Pa.; and Post 8179, Jacksonville, Fla.

8. A certificate of charter evidencing consolidation has been issued to the following Post: Post 3013 and 4897 consolidated as Post 3013, Swanton, Ohio.

9. Charters for the following Posts have been authorized: Post 1353, Marty, S.D.; Post 2384, Framingham, Mass.; Post 2728, Winchester, Ky.; Post 3530, Richardson, Texas; Post 3875, Hilo, Hawaii; Post 4152, Bath, Mich.; Post 7434, Lilburn, Ga.; Post 8124, Taylor, Ark.; Post 10731, Cheraw, S.C. and Post 10748, Panguitch, Utah.

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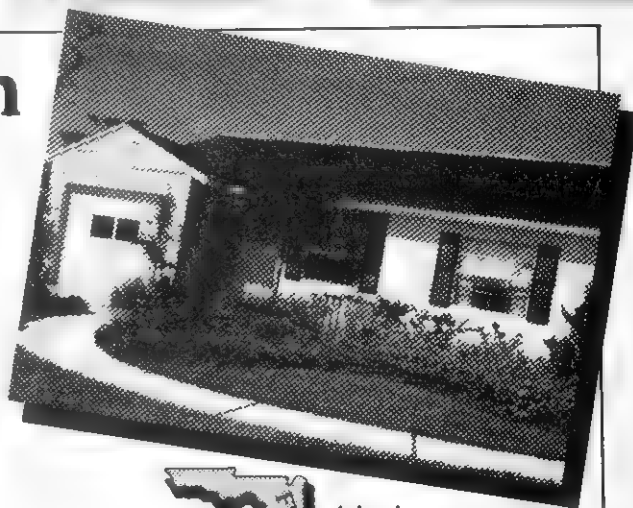
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Navy Reserves Get New Role

If the U.S. goes to war, the job of fighting the Cuban Navy in the Caribbean will be given to the Navy Reserves, Rep. Ike Skelton (Mo.), a member of the House Armed Services Committee, revealed.

This is but one of the new missions the Navy will assign its reserve forces, he added.

Operating from Key West and other naval facilities around the Gulf Coast, reserve units will have the responsibility for maintaining the Caribbean sea lines of communication.

"The Navy has taken to heart the importance that we on the Armed Services Committee have of using our reserve forces more effectively," he continued. "In just the past year the Navy has identified a number of new missions which the reserves will assume." In addition to the Caribbean role, the Naval Reserve will acquire the eight new mine counter-measure ships to fulfill its new requirement of maritime coastal defense.

The impetus behind greater utilization of the reserves is to save the taxpayers' money. With close to \$200 billion in budget deficits facing the country and Congress, the Armed Services Committee has put pressure on all four services to use their reserves more efficiently.

Traditionally, the reserves have not been regarded by active duty counterparts as important parts of the armed forces. This attitude began to change with the switch to the All-Volunteer Forces in the early 1970s. Operating costs can be saved by using the reserves is the theory behind their greater utilization.

Among the four services, the Navy has shown the least enthusiasm for expanding the role of its reserves, but this attitude seems to have changed over the past year.

Rear Adm. Bruce Newell, director of a new report to Congress on the subject, said "Skelton's enthusiasm and interest in this specific issue" provided the Congressional interest such efforts require. He noted that Skelton visited Naval Reserve units in San Diego and New Orleans as part of his effort to become better acquainted with the mission and roles of the Naval Reserve. He also acknowledged that, as a result of Skelton's suggestion, the Navy recently received a briefing from the Air Force - the leader among the four services in using the reserves.

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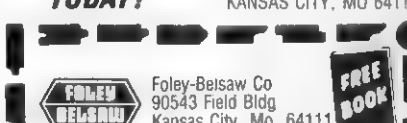
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By Carol Stolns

War's trauma and its long-term effect on the lives of the men who fought it is not something you take lightly, declares Vietnam veteran Chris Hayden, who now makes his home in the small western Colorado town of Montrose and embarked on a trans-continental run to focus attention on the veterans and their problems.

He says many of the men who served in Vietnam are still wrestling with an inner turmoil they brought home with them after the war in Southeast Asia ended and as yet have been unable to lay to rest.

Hayden, 37, who served as a 1st Marine Air Wing door gunner, flying out of Danang from 1965 to 1967 and out of Marble Mountain, Vietnam, in 1969 and 1970, numbers himself among the many veterans of that war still struggling to put their lives together.

Originally from Wheeling, W. Va., he was raised in Cadiz, Ohio, where he graduated from high school in 1964 before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps that same year.

While in Vietnam, Hayden, with other members of the helicopter crews he served with, was shot down three times and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. By the time he was discharged in August, 1970, he was a sergeant.

"The Vietnam War left me and others like me with a sense of guilt, failure and frustration that have been magnified and driven inward rather than dissipated since we returned home," he says.

Hayden emphasizes that the Vietnam War, like any other war, is not without its heroes. "But because of the public sentiment in this country that surrounds this war, they are unsung heroes," he adds.

To underscore his point, Hayden cites the high unemployment rate of more than over 20% among Vietnam veterans and the fact that so many

On the Road To Victory

Vietnam veterans have been unable to find steady employment since their return home.

After his discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1970, Hayden returned home and went to work for Ohio Coal, the same mining company for which his father worked.

Coal mining is hard and dirty and the days are long, but, for Hayden, the nights and the days he spent away from the mines were even harder.

He couldn't seem to put the war behind him. "I kept having flashbacks to things that happened while I was in Southeast Asia. I kept asking myself why...and there didn't seem to be any answers."

"After a while, I turned to alcohol and drugs to try to escape and once even attempted to take my own life," he recalls.

In Hayden's case, though, reaching rock-bottom was the "rude awakening that I needed." After that, he began

picking up the pieces and working to turn his life around.

"The real turning point for me, though, was the day I met my wife Jill," Hayden says. "The love and understanding without measure that Jill has given me is the driving force that has enabled me to rebuild my life and my dreams. She helped me to refind my music and encouraged me to begin writing my book. I don't know where I would be today without her."

They met at the country music "Jamboree in the Hills" at Brush Park in St. Clairsville, Ohio, in 1979. It was love at first sight, "or at least second sight," Jill points out, adding that they didn't really "discover" each other until their second meeting when he gave her a birthday kiss "that went on forever" and their relationship blossomed into love.

The Haydens were married in October of that same year in what Jill describes as "the cutest little country church in Cadiz." "We've been best friends and lovers ever since," she adds.

Following the formal exchange of vows, the couple packed their bags, pulled up their roots and moved to Colorado where they hoped to find a fresh start together.

Their first home in Colorado was in the isolated mountain community of Twin Lakes above Leadville. They lived there for only seven months before they packed up and moved to Tucson, Ariz., still following their dreams.

Four months later, those same dreams took them to Montrose where they have lived ever since. "We loved

Montrose the minute we saw it and now it's become our hometown," Jill says.

Hayden said before leaving on his cross-continental run that the hardest part of the trip would be the long separation from Jill, but noted that "too many veterans suffering from the lingering trauma of war are without someone like Jill to help them rebuild their dreams."

Hayden cites the high suicide rate among Vietnam veterans as visible evidence that, although the war in Southeast Asia is physically in the past for most Americans, the "inner, private war" of those still struggling to deal with suppressed emotions stemming from the "Vietnam experience" is ongoing.

"When the suicide rate among veterans after the war claims almost as great a number of lives as those actually killed in battle during the conflict, something is wrong and something ought to be done about it," he says.

He contends that the fact that the Vietnam veterans had to pay for their own monument in Washington, D.C., indicates the general overall indifference of the American public toward anything connected with the war in Southeast Asia.

"I want to make a public appeal to the American people and especially to those companies who benefited financially from the Vietnam War to hire veterans and to help them become winners in their quest for the American dream."

"Because of the feelings of failure that Vietnam veterans returned home with and the reception they received at that time of homecoming, it is very difficult for many of them to find success and to rebuild their dreams," he said.

"I've got something to say and it seems as if sometimes you have to do something off the wall like this to get people to listen to you," he adds.

The "VFW/Chris Hayden Run for Life" officially got underway at Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, Calif., on Sunday, March 11, sponsored by the Coors Brewing Co. and endorsed by the national organization of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. At Norton AFB, Hayden and the driver of his support van, Don Pierce, of Montrose, were special guests at a banquet for families who still have servicemen listed as missing in action from the Vietnam War.

Hayden's "Run for Life" concluded July 1 at the Vietnam Veterans Memor-

ial in Washington, followed by a reception at the VFW Memorial Building. At the ceremonies at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Ron Duchin, VFW Washington Office Public Affairs Director, presented Hayden with a VFW award on behalf of Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr. Other participants included Ann Millis Griffiths, of the National League of Families; Paul Bannai, VA director of memorial affairs; Donald Chasteen, of the Department of Labor; Douglas Riggs, presidential special assistant; and Warren Hutchings, of Coors. A joint service color guard opened the program and a Marine Corps bugler played "Taps" to conclude it.

Before leaving Montrose, Hayden was given a hero's send-off in the Centennial Plaza outside the City Hall. Although this was a happy event for him, shared by his wife and friends, it held a bitter irony for him, too.

He couldn't help but reflect on the kind of reception that the majority of the men who served their country in Vietnam got when they returned to the U.S. after the war. In his heart, he knew this send-off was kin to the kind of homecoming every veteran looks forward to, but few ever got, especially the veterans of the Vietnam War.

Chris Hayden, second from left, and his wife, Jill, left, pose in front of their vehicle before leaving Montrose, Colo., for California to begin Hayden's cross-country run in behalf of Vietnam veterans. Second from right is the driver of the support vehicle, Don Pierce, and his wife, Shiela. (Photo by Carol Stolns)



Before His Death, Sam Tashjy Honored

Sam Tashjy may be gone, but it is unlikely the thousands of veterans he helped as Maryland Department Service Officer will ever forget him.

Shortly before Tashjy's death last spring Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., wrote him his approval of the award of the VFW Distinguished Service Medal, the organization's highest:

"I am writing to extend my deep and heartfelt thanks for the untold contributions and countless hours you have given in providing service to veterans and their families. I know of no other comrade who is more worthy of the VFW Distinguished Service Medal."

The award was presented by Fred Von Rembow, Assistant Director of the VFW National Veterans Service.

Von Rembow made the presentation on behalf of Olson at the Department of Maryland Council of Administration meeting after it was called to order by Department Commander Edward W. Fowler, Jr.

After the ceremonies, Tashjy went to the Fort Howard VA Medical Center and died some weeks afterward of cancer.

The citation:

"In sincere appreciation and grateful recognition of his deep commitment and selfless devotion in providing service to veterans and their survivors as State Service Officer of the Department of Maryland and for his long and active participation in civic, fraternal and veteran humanitarian programs in the city of Baltimore and the state of Maryland. His commitment of more than 15,000 hours in the VAVS program at Fort Howard VA Medical Center reflects voluntarism at its best and evidences

Before his death, Sam Tashjy, Maryland Department Service Officer, right, received the VFW Distinguished Service Medal, from Fred Von Rembow, Assistant Director of the National Veterans Service, left.

his dedication to the purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars."

One of Tashjy's last successes as Department Service Officer was the reversal last September by the VA of an earlier decision against a Vietnam veteran who committed suicide.

Tashjy convinced the appeal board that the veteran's death was directly related to his service in Vietnam. The award was a 100% disability, monthly awards to his survivors—a widow and two sons—and vocational training for the widow and college tuition for the boys.

"Sam was the first person who understood," said the veteran's widow. "He brought back my faith in humanity, in my government. I really feel that if Ron had met Sam before everything happened, he'd be alive today."

But helping people had long been a way of life for Sam Tashjy, one he inherited from his Assyrian forebears. Once he told an interviewer, "My grandmother used to say that if a day passes without helping someone in need, then you have lost a day."

Seventy-three when he died, he enlisted in the Army in 1929, served in World War II as an infantryman in the Aleutians, rejoined for the Korean War—organized an orphanage in Korea—and retired from the Army in 1970 as a chief warrant officer. A funeral mass was offered for him at Our Lady of Hope Church and his burial was in Arlington National Cemetery. A VFW Life Member, and Cootie, of which he was Past State Commander, he had been Maryland Service Officer for the past five years. He also was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, Jewish War Veterans and other veterans' groups.

He had received many honors. Among them was appointment to President Ford's Advisory Council for Veterans' Affairs. He was co-organizer of the original March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon, past president of the Dundalk Veterans' Association. Outstanding Veteran of the Year and member of the Maryland State Senior Hall of Fame. He also was vice president of the Baltimore County Police Memorial Committee, a member of the advisory board of the American Security Council and belonged to the Vietnam Veterans Civic Council. He was honored by the VA as a volunteer and for his services to hospitalized veterans and to all veterans as VFW State Service Officer.



NOTICES

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USS Colonial (LSD18) (Atomic Bomb Test, South Pacific, late 1945)—Seeking men or surviving members of their families who served during testing, esp. men from Yonkers, N.Y. and vicinity who had hair loss and abnormal blood cells after testing.—George J. Garland, VA Medical Center, Martinsburg, WV 25401

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USS Harry E. Hubbard (DD748) (1944-Okinawa Campaign) & NTS Great Lakes, Ill., Co. 2052 (Oct.-Nov. 1943)—Seeking anyone who remembers me.—J.G. Gill, Star Rt. 3 Box 374, Judsonia, AR 72081

REUNIONS

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August

2d Air Div., 8th AF (WW II)—18, Lansing, Mich.—Aldon Mohney, 205 W 7th, Clare, MI 48617
19th Bomb. Assn.—20-26, Omaha, Neb.—Herb Frank, 90 13 201st St., Hollis, NY 11423
22d Bomb. Grp. (M/H)(WW II)—29-Sept. 2, Houston — Jack Clark, POB 4734, Patrick AFB, FL 32925
82d Ftr. Grp. Assn.—30-Sept. 2, Denver—Ralph Embrey, POB 22557, Ste 1720, Denver, CO 80222
11th Tac. Recon. Sqdn.—31-Sept. 2, Nashville, Tenn.—Roy Simmons, Jr., 3730 Edgewater Dr., Nashville, TN 37217
451st Bomb. Grp. (H)—10-11, Dayton, Ohio—Robert Karstensen, 1032 S State St., Marengo, IL 60152
505th Bomb. Grp., 313th Bomb. Wing—31 Sept. 2, Dayton, Ohio—William Gibson, 5214 Pierce Ave., Ogden, UT 84403.

September

5th & 71st Liaison Sqdns.—21 22, Nashville, Tenn.—B.H. (Doc) Warren, POB 85, Jackson, AL 36545
12th Aero/Observation/Tac Recon Sqdn.—27-29, Nashville, Tenn.—David Sopko, 3644 Irma St., Youngstown, OH 44502
379th Bomb. Grp. (H)—8-13, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Jesse Miller, 1118 N Union Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80909
43d Bomb. Grp.—28-30, Arlington, Va.—R.H. Butler, POB 409, Fayetteville, NC 23802
45th Air Depot Grp. 20-23, Owensboro, Ky.—Charles Guemclata, 119 Aigler Blvd., Bellevue, OH 44811.
316th Trp. Carrier Grp.—27-30, Colorado Springs, Colo.—W. Washburn, 6510 Areqa Ridge Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80919
343d Ftr. Sqdn., 55th Ftr. Grp.—13-15, Sikeston, Mo.—O.L. Dougherty, Jr., 103 Charlotte Lane, Sikeston, MO 63801
370th Bomb. Sqdn.—27-29, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Ira Anderson, 1800 Sybil Lane, Tyler, TX 75703
396th Bomb. Grp. (H) Memorial Assn. (WW II)—27-29, Rapid City, S.D.—Charles Dreyer, 135 Concordia, Katy, TX 77450
449th Bomb. Sqdn., 322d Bomb. Grp. (M)—13-16, Reno, Nev.—Wiley Scarborough, 1647 Ave. L NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881
452d Bomb. Grp. (H)(England, WW II)—20-23, Rapid City, S.D.—Ron Blaylock, POB 2526, New Bern, NC 28561
485th Bomb. Grp.—28-30, Charlotte, N.C.—E.L. Bundy, 5773 Middlefield Dr., Columbus, OH 43220
850th Avn. Engr. Bn., Co. A—28-30, Fresno, Calif.—John Madison, 16851 Buckhorn Min Rd., Sonoma, CA 95370.

October

1st Ftr. Grp. Assn.—4-7, Hampton, Va.—Cecil Queseth, POB 966, Salem, OR 97308
13th Sqdn.—5-7, Dayton, Ohio—J. Randy Forrester, 8275 Taft Dr., West Chester, OH 45069

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35th Ftr. Control Sqdn. (319th Ftr. Control Sqdn.)(Fiji Islands)—5-7, St. Louis—Kenneth Bogart, 512 W Kirwin, Salina, KS 67401

85th Depot Repair Sqdn.—11 13, Chattanooga, Tenn.—Charles Blackmore, POB 268, Union City, IN 47390

94th Troop Carrier Sqdn. (including HQ 439th TCG & other sqdn. elements)—14-20, Lake Ozark, Mo.—Robert Dains, 2480 Cambridge Dr., Florissant, MO 63033

96th Bomb. Grp.—3-7, Los Angeles—T.L. Thomas, 1607 E Willow, Wheaton, IL 60187

98th Bomb. Grp. (H) Veterans Assn.—18-20, Arlington, Va.—Cory Orne, Jr., POB 553, Lake Pleasant, NY 12108

351st Bomb. Grp. (H)(WW II)—3-7, Los Angeles—Ben Schohan, 398 Catawba Ave., Westerville, OH 43081

402d Ftr. Sqdn., 370th Ftr. Grp. (WW II)—4-7, Salem Mass.—Ed Meyer 4829 Dreaux Ave., New Orleans, LA 70126

437th Troop Carrier Grp. Assn. (WW II)—19-21, San Diego—Bob Maycan, 360 Walker Ave., Greencres City, FL 33463

44th Bomb. Grp.—3-7, Los Angeles—O.A. Petrillo, 955 N Pasadena, Elyria, OH 44035

456th Bomb. Sqdn.—10-15, St. Petersburg Beach, FL—J.H. Davidson, 5036 San Massimo Dr., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

463d Bomb. Grp. Historical Society—2-5, Cherry Hill, N.J.—Alfred D. Richards, Brook Hollow Dr., Gladstone, NJ 07934

482d Bomb. Grp. (England, WW II)—3-7, Los Angeles—Denny Scanlan, One Scanlan Plaza, St. Paul, MN 55107

486th Bomb. Grp. Assn.—3-7, Los Angeles—Robert Nolan, 2676 Augusta Dr. N. Clearwater, FL 33519

801st/492d Bomb. Grp.—3-7, Los Angeles—Sebastian Corriere, 4939 N 89th St., Milwaukee, WI 53225

967th Guard Sqdn. (Lowry Field, Colo., WW II)—Orlando Fla.—Thomas Wilson, 1251 Morgana Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32211

2472d QM Trk. Co.—5-7, Manhattan, Kans.—Harold Derfas, 1812 Elaine Dr. Manhattan, KS 66502

November

367th Ftr. Grp. Assn. (WW II)—9-12—Reunion Committee, 356 Auburn St., Whitman, MA 02382

January 1985

46th Sub Depot, 8th AF (WW II)—10-14, Ventura, Calif.—Paul Poitras, 118 Duke Ave., Ventura, CA 93003

February 1985

376th Bomb. Grp. (H) Veterans Assn.—23, Caribbean cruise—Irv Hlava, 7105 W Cleveland St., Niles, IL 60648

June 1985

Tow Target Det. (Panama Canal Zone, 1942-43)—Indiana polis—Albert Costa, 357 507th St., Clinton, IN 47842

29th Bomb. Grp. (WW II)—Dayton, Ohio—Richard Polleys, 1619 Schirm Dr., Middletown, OH 45042

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Thanks Post 3373

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Nisei

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(Opposed to "relocation," Navy intelligence officers estimated the potentially disloyal at 3,500 in the entire U.S. All were known to the authorities. They were drawn largely from the Kibei, those educated in Japan, and members of the Black Dragon Society and other militaristic groups. In June, 1941, Itaru Tachibana, a Japanese naval officer posing as a student, was arrested as a spy. His ring was broken up and he was deported—Editor)

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 Solomon Island Veterans (WW II) 19, Springfield, Ill.—C.F. Marley, POB 93, Nokomis, IL 62075
 V-6 & V-12 (Western Mich. Univ., 1943-45)—17 19, Kalamazoo, Mich.—WMU Alumni Relations Office, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

September

492d Port Bn.—15, Westlake, Ohio—Frank Danicki, 1060 Plaza Dr., Amherst, OH 44001
 3046 PTE Co.—12, Dundee, FL Robert Anderson, RD 6 Box 48A, Kingston, NY 12401
 AACS Alumni—20-23, Tulsa Bob Powell PO Drawer 51325, Tulsa, OK 74151
 National WW II Glider Pilots Assn.—26-30, Seattle, Wash.—George Wolff 20631 10th Place SW, Seattle, WA 98166
 NATTC JAX—15, Jacksonville, Fla. Eileen Carel, 7548 Legrande St. S, Jacksonville, FL 32244

October

Air Rescue Assn.—4-6, Charleston, SC—Air Rescue Assn., 8124 Gail Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260
 American & Canadian Enlistees in Polish Air Force prior to Pearl Harbor—5-8—Free Polish Air Force, c/o John Kurawski, POB 2040, Bartlesville, OK 74005
 China-Burma-India Veterans, Dept. of Virginia—5-6, Pittsburgh Ed Rock Sr., 130 W Oliver Rd., Munhall, PA 15120
 NARTU, Anacostia, D.C.—6, Jacksonville, FL—C.C. Rexford, 7137 Mayapple Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32211
 USS Mercy (AH8)—4-5, San Diego—W.E. Sinclair, 11915 Royal Rd. #E, El Cajon CA 92021

December

Pearl Harbor Survivors Assn.—5-9, Liberty NY John Kuzma, 8 West End Ave., Binghamton, NY 13905

ARMY

August

7th Div., 32d Inf., Co. F (WW II)—4-5, Coon Rapids, Minn.—Clint Davis, 644 W Main St., Boalsburg, MN 16827
 29th Div. Assn.—31-Sept. 3, Arlington, Va.—Harvey Folks, 4 Jefferson Ave. Takoma Park, MD 20912
 32d Portable Surgical Hosp. (CBI)—18, Ft. Wayne, Ind.—John Holman, 3990 CR27, Auburn, IN 46706
 37th Inf. Div. Veterans Assn.—31-Sept. 2, Columbus, Ohio—37th Div. Veterans Assn., 65 S Front St., Room 707, Columbus, OH 43215
 44th Div. Art., 156th FA Bn.—31 Sept. 3, Chicago—E. Kubash, 4465 Red Arrow Hwy., Stevensville, MI 49127
 94th Sig. Bn.—31 Sept. 3, Memphis—Earl Bennetts, 1913 Grovehaven Dr., Memphis, TN 38116
 119th Med. Bn.—2-5, Cincinnati Joe Kennedy 344 E Mills Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45215
 148th Inf. Vets (WW I, WW II, Korea)—24-25, Port Clinton, Ohio—D.J. Folik 600 S Patterson, Gibsonburg, OH 43431
 204th CA AA Rgt. (WW II) Assn.—3-5, New Iberia, La.—Everette Bonnette, 3012 Drexel St., Shreveport, LA 71108
 239th Engrs., H&S Co. & Med. Det.—18-19, Pittsburgh—Louis Weisberger, 6072 Dryden Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45213
 273d FA Bn. (WW II)—17 19, Holland, Mich.—Elmer Gibson, 2317 Walter Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062
 348th Ord. Depot Co.—3-5, Cherry Hill NJ Ralph Lash, 44-69 Kissena Blvd. Flushing, NY 11355
 453d AAA (AW) Bn.—31-Sept. 2, Springfield, Ohio—James Dalton, Rt. 9 Box 165, Morgantown, WV 26505
 462d Engr. Depot Co.—11-12, Middlesex, Pa.—Bernard Rachuba, 523 Waybridge Rd., Toledo, OH 43612
 505th Para. Inf. Rgt. (WW II)—16 18, Knoxville, Tenn.—Donald McKeage, 973 Gladys St. Derby Lake, Stanton, MI 48888
 534th AAA Bn.—10-12—Clarence Potter R2 Gran Tora Afton, OK 74331
 542d Ord. Co.—17 19, Lake Ozark Mo Walter Kendall, 9238 Pinto, St. Louis, MO 63123
 617th OBAM Bn.—10-12, Meriden, Conn.—Aloph Penno, 7651 W Bryn Mawr, Chicago, IL 60631
 737th Tank Bn.—9-11, Montgomery, Ala.—L. Jumpsoot Showfety, 1407 Semnole Dr., Greensboro NC 27408
 893d AAA AW, Btry. A—17 19, East Syracuse, N.Y.—Dan Rothschild, 209 Marsh Dr., Dewitt, NY 13214
 1256th (C) Engr. Bn. (WW II)—10-11 Michael Wolubeh, RD 1 Box 61, Mars, PA 16046
 3466th Ord. MAM Co. (formerly Co. B, 82d QM Bn.—26, Fancher, N.Y.—Laura Standish, POB 13 Fancher, NY 14452
 3483d Ord. MAM Co. & Co. C, 86th QM Co. (WW II)—31 Sept. 3 LaCrosse, Wis.—Oscar Hussa, Bangor, WI 54614
 Americal Div., 3d Inf., 11th Inf. Bde., 4th Bn., Co. C (1967 73)—24-26 Washington, D.C.—Ed Odum 36524 Hees, Lavonia, MI 48150

September

3d Inf. Rgt., Co. M—14-15, Bloomington, Minn.—Kenneth Jackson, 1430 Charles Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
 4th Armd. Div., 10th Armd. Inf. Bn., Co. A & 51st Armd. Rgt., Cos. G & D (Pine Camp, NY, 1941)—28-29, Louisville—Joe Kmetz, 718 Jane St., Plum, PA 15239
 4th FA Assn.—8, Fayetteville, N.C.—Dallas Kirby, 1536 Paisley Ave. Fayetteville NC 28304
 5th Armd. Div.—8-9 Norfolk Neb.—Henry Langenberg, Jr., Hoskins, NE 68740
 5th Armd. Div.—20-29, Europe—Elwyn Lindstrom, 12 Shirley Ave. Millbury, MA 01527
 5th Inf. Div., 5th Med. Bn.—1-3 Plymouth, Mich.—Raymond Carlson, 1137 Kay Pkwy. Ann Arbor, MI 48103
 7th, 52d & 245th CA—8-9, Ft. Hancock, N.J.—Sandy Hook Veterans Historical Society, POB 25, Highlands, NJ
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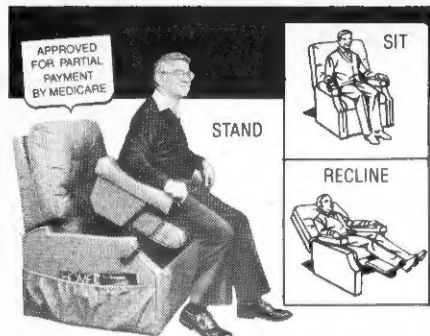
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32d Gen. Hosp.—12-14, Indianapolis—Travis Winfree, 900 13th, Hempstead, TX 77445.

52d Med. Bn. (WW II)—6, Corning, N.Y.—Tom Burlingame, POB 198, Cincinnati, NY 13040.

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243d FA Bn. (WW II)—12-14, Gettysburg, Pa.—James Henderson, 5415 Wedgewood Dr., Charlotte, NC 28210.

328th Inf. CT (WW II) 19-21, Catskills, N.Y.—Rob Clapp, 208 Aspinwall Ave., Brookline, MA 02146.

382d AAA AW Bn.—12-14, Marinette, Wis.—Robert Bump, 1036 Knollwood Lane, Bartlett, IL 60103.

389th FA Bn., Btry. C—6-7, Johnstown, Pa.—Robert Minemyer, 1136 Bedford St., Johnstown, PA 15902.

398th AAA AW Bn. (SMBL), HQ Co. 5-7, St. Charles, Mo.—Arlie Schemmer, Rt. 2 Box 350, Marthasville, MO 63357.

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535th Ord. HM FA—5-7, Fredericksburg, Va.—Milburn Mackey, 22 Meadows (MHP), Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

550th AAA Bn. (WW II)—6—Vince Calarco, 112 E Main St., Westfield, NY 14787.

602d FA Bn., Btry. C 19-21, St. Louis—Jim Brown, 905 Davis Blvd., Sikeston, MO 63801.

605th Ord. Bn. (WW II)—11-13, Savannah, Ga.—J.B. Davis, 2613 Clydesdale Terr., Charlotte, NC 28208.

666th Machine Gun Btry. AAA A/B 15-18, El Paso, Texas—Lee Tennesen, 4412 N 105th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85039.

694th Engrs. (Europe, WW II)—27-28, Belleville, Ill.—G.F. Goodall, 14 Robin Hill Lane, Belleville, IL 62221.

724th FA Bn., Btry. C—7-14, Orlando, FL—John Turner, POB 1645, Decatur, GA 30031.

801st TD Bn.—5-6, Manlius, N.Y.—Robert Glavin, 407 Beverly Dr., Syracuse, NY 13219.

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296th Engr. (C) Bn. (WW II)—2-4, Newport, R.I.—K. Avedisian, 84 Armington St., Cranston, R.I. 02905.

933rd FA, Btry. B (WW II)—3, Geneva, Ala.—Alva Joiner, POB 70, Ramer, AL 36069.

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